

By 4 years

My child...

can match some objects / colors, can count up to 10 (may use blocks, spoons), can point to numbers
is using past tense (rolled, handed), can speak clearly (be understood by others), knows 4-8 actions
will smile/laugh at funny pictures, can play well with other children, realizes when a person is hurt or needs help
can lace shoes, can buckle a belt, can use a fork (holds it with her fingers)
can run, can balance on 1 foot, can cut along a line

By 4 1/2 years

My child...

can repeat 4 numbers, matches things that are related, can pick out which group has “more balls, more cups”
can tell you why, or can say what made something happen, is using 5-6 word sentences, can name 4 colors
can share, can take turns, calls attention to what he can do
can help to serve self, can clean up spills, can dress with no help
can swing self on swing, can hop well on each foot, can kick large ball with success, can connect dots on paper

By 5 years

My child...

can name 3 coins, can define 5 words, can count 4 or more things and answer “how many?”
can talk with others, can match a spoken word to a picture, can tell you what is the same or different (between shapes, toys, pictures on cards)
can tell you her birthday, can name 2 feelings (happy, sad), can tell you the difference between “real” and “make-believe”
can put on t-shirt, knows front from back of clothing, can brush his teeth
can catch a bounced ball, can skip, can march in time to music, can copy a cross (+), can draw a person (stick figure with 3-6 parts such as lines & circles for arms, legs, head, fingers)

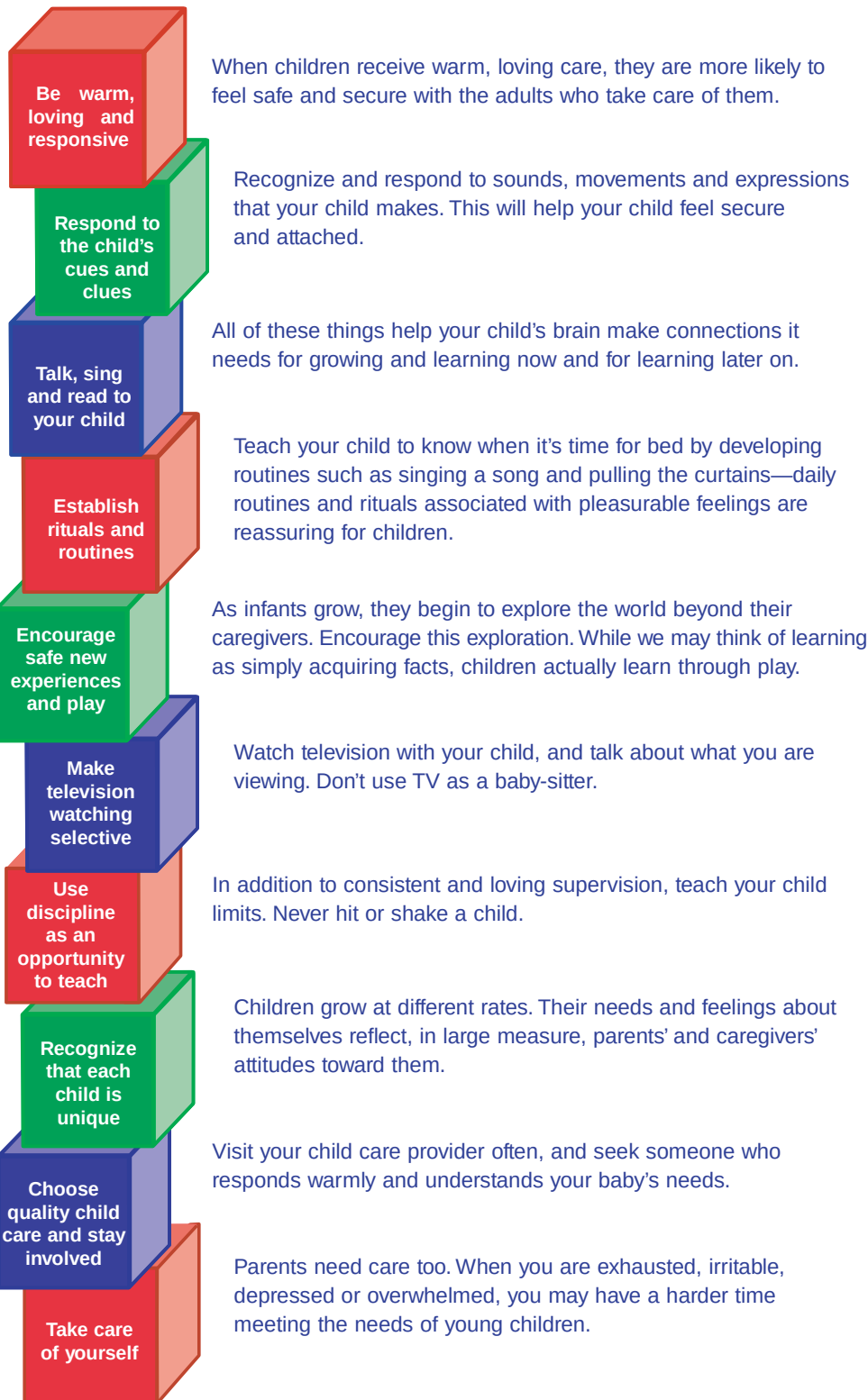
If you didn't have a ☒ on each line in your child's age group...or if you have any concerns...call your local

EI programs or CONNECT
1-800-692-7288 and talk
with one of our
child specialists!



Ten Tips

for raising happier, healthier children



“Ten Tips” was developed by the national I Am Your Child campaign. Their goal is to make early childhood development a top priority for our nation.

For more information on what parents and caregivers can do to promote young children's healthy development, visit the **I Am Your Child** website (www.iamyourchild.org), or write to: **I Am Your Child**, P.O. 15605, Beverly Hills, CA 90209

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Look inside and see what your child can do!



Every child grows and learns new things at his or her own pace. Children may vary by as much as 6 months in some of the things that they are able to do. If you have any concerns about your child's development, call Early Intervention (EI).



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Statewide CONNECT line: 1-800-692-7288

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1. Look for your child's age group(s).
2. If your child can do at least 2 things listed on a line, put a ☒ .
3. Each ☒ means your child is doing things typical of his/her age.
4. If you have box(es) with no ☒ call **CONNECT** or your local **EI program**.

Birth - 3 months

My child...

knows my face, can turn her head to watch a toy move, can smile
makes cooing sounds (ooo, aah), moves around at the sound of my voice, can chuckle (huh,huh,huh)
watches the person talking to him, can follow me with his eyes, can show he is happy or upset
can suck her fingers or fist, can hold on to mom's finger when nursing, or pat the bottle during feeding
can lift his head, is beginning to roll over (onto his back), will hold a rattle briefly

3 - 6 months

My child...

likes to watch her own hands and looks at other things around her, gets quiet when hears a voice, can reach for or bang a toy
can babble (da, ba, mmm), can laugh, will look toward a noise
can smile if you smile at him, can get upset at the loss of a toy, responds more to me than others
wants to try food other than milk, seems excited when about to be fed, can suck or close lips on spoon to get food
can bring both hands to center, can play with her toes, can hold head up, can roll (from back to tummy)

6 - 9 months

My child...

can roll a ball, will drop a toy and look for it, will repeat actions that make noise
will stop briefly if told "no," can imitate sounds, when he hears his name may turn head or look at me or smile
likes to play with a toy, can copy me (wave bye-bye, play "so-big"), may want me to stay close by, will pull back from a stranger
can use a cup with help, can move things from one hand to other, can feed self (with fingers)
can sit up, can creep or crawl on belly, bounces on her legs (not stiff-legged), can pull up to stand

9 - 12 months

My child...

- ☐ can point at things, likes to bang toys on a table, can shake and drop toys, enjoys looking at picture books
- ☐ understands a few words besides "mama, dada," will hand me a toy if asked, can copy sounds (clicking tongue, coughing)
- ☐ will repeat actions to get a laugh, gives a hug, plays near other children, likes peek-a-boo
- ☐ is starting to chew, is starting to push, poke at and pull things, is drooling less (unless teething), is messy and likes fingerfoods
- ☐ is starting to stand alone, can crawl fast, can take a few steps, can throw a ball or bean bag

12 - 15 months

My child...

- ☐ can build a stack of 2-3 blocks or cans, is using more hand motions for what he wants, will pat pictures in books
- ☐ is starting to say several words, makes noises as if she was talking, will try to find things if asked "where's the....?"
- ☐ can roll a ball back to me, can copy things he sees me do, prefers some toys over others
- ☐ can help turn pages, can help when I dress her, can use a spoon (with spilling)
- ☐ can walk, can climb stairs (on hands and knees), can pick up tiny things like Cheerios (using thumb and finger)

15 - 18 months

My child...

- ☐ can name one picture, will find a toy I hid under something, explores drawers/cabinets
- ☐ can say 5-6 words, will point to pictures in a book as I say them, can follow a direction (will point to something, will get a ball)
- ☐ likes to carry/hug a stuffed toy, can ask for help (to wind a toy, open a box), seems proud to do things
- ☐ can take off her shoes and socks, can put things in a box, can dump them out of the box
- ☐ can run (like a toddler, stiff legs), can climb stairs with help, is starting to throw overhand

18 - 21 months

My child...

- ☐ can stack 4-6 blocks, will point to things if asked ("where's your nose? Where are your eyes?"), calls himself by name,
- ☐ can say 6-10 words, is starting to use words like "me, you," can use words to say what he wants
- ☐ can show he likes me, may not share ("mine"), copies what other people do
- ☐ can keep crayon marks on a piece of paper (when I watch), can take off coat, holds cup well
- ☐ can kick at a ball, can jump in place, can walk down stairs holds my hand, holds crayon (in fist)

21 - 24 months

My child...

- ☐ can build a tower of 6 blocks or cans, can help put things away, can match sounds to animals
- ☐ can say several words and be understood, knows more than 20 words, is using 2 words together ("more juice")
- ☐ likes to hear stories, can play by self (for short time), likes things that are funny, can be warm and responsive, shows independence ("me do it," "no")
- ☐ can use a spoon well, can use a cup and set it down with little spilling, tries to put her own shoes on
- ☐ can jump off floor with both feet, can hold a glass in one hand, is beginning to draw (in big circles)

By 2 1/2 years

My child...

- ☐ enjoys pretending (feeding doll, using a block to pretend it is a phone), knows 3 objects ("what do we do with a key, a car?") or 3 body parts by what they do ("what do you see with?")
- ☐ can use 3-word sentences ("me go too"), may get upset if not understood, can ask simple questions
- ☐ can help put toys away, may move slowly to get something done, can find it hard to wait for things
- ☐ can brush teeth with help, can put on simple clothes, pull up pants (with help), can wash and dry own hands
- ☐ can run well, can walk on tiptoes, can hold a crayon with fingers, can turn pages one at a time

By 3 years

My child...

- ☐ can copy what I do (blink eyes, pat cheek), can solve problems (gets chair to reach something), knows some sounds (a bell, a dog barking)
- ☐ can sing, can be talkative, can put 3-4 words together (short sentences) to tell me things
- ☐ can play with and enjoys other children, can be shy with strangers, follows rules, is starting to take turns
- ☐ can put on coat, cap or slippers, can use scissors (if supervised), can use fork (holds in fist)
- ☐ can do broad jumps (both feet at once), can climb up stairs (using one foot, then the other), can copy a circle

By 3 1/2 years

My child...

- ☐ understands the concept of "two" (2 cookies, 2 trucks), can point to colors, can match shapes
- ☐ understands words like "biggest, smallest, softly, loudly," can answer questions, knows or can use words like "down, up"
- ☐ can point to self in photo, asks to do simple tasks in house (push broom, wipe table), can tell you that she's happy, sad, afraid, etc.
- ☐ can pull on sock, can unbutton small buttons, can unbuckle his belt, can go to toilet alone
- ☐ can balance on 1 foot, can trace a diamond shape, can walk down stairs (using one foot, then other foot)