

Age	Presentation
Birth to 3 months	No smiling or playing with others
4 to 7 months	No babbling
7 to 12 months	Minimal vocalization; no gestures
7 months to 2 years	No understanding of spoken words
12 to 18 months	Saying only a few words
1½ to 2 years	Not putting two words together
2 years	Saying fewer than 50 words
2½ to 3 years	Struggles with early reading and writing; shows no interest in books or drawing
2 to 3 years	Struggles with playing and talking with other children

Table 23.1 Early Signs of a Speech, Hearing, or Language Disorder (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2023)