



12 to 24 Months

MOVEMENT

- Walks alone (12-16 mos)
- Pulls toys behind them while walking (13-16 mos)
- Carries large toy or several toys while walking (12-15 mos)
- Begins to run stiffly (16-18 mos)
- Moves ball with feet (16-24 mos)
- Climbs onto and down from furniture unsupported (16-24 mos)
- Walks up and down stairs holding on to support (16-24 mos)

FINE MOTOR SKILLS

- Scribbles spontaneously (14-16 mos)
- Turns over container to pour out contents (12-18 mos)
- Builds tower of four blocks or more (20-24 mos)

LANGUAGE

- Points to object or picture when it's named for them (16-24 mos)
- Recognizes names of familiar people, objects, and body parts (18-24 mos)
- Follows simple, one-step instructions (14-18 mos)
- Says several single words (15-18 mos)
- Uses two-word sentences (18-24 mos)
- Repeats words overheard in conversation (16-18 mos)

COGNITIVE

- Finds objects even when hidden under 2 or 3 covers
- Begins to sort shapes and colors (20-24 mos)
- Begins make-believe play (20-24 mos)

SOCIAL

- Imitates behavior of others, especially adults and older children (18-24 mos)
- Increasingly enthusiastic about visitors or other children (20-24 mos)
- Demonstrates increasing independence (18-24 mos)
- Begins to show defiant behavior (18-24 mos)
- Episodes of separation anxiety increase toward mid-year, then fade

THINGS TO WATCH FOR

- Cannot walk by 18 months
- Fails to develop a mature heel-toe walking pattern after several months of walking or walks exclusively on toes
- Does not speak at least 15 words by 18 months
- Does not use two-word sentences by age 2
- Does not seem to know the function of common household objects (brush, phone, bell, fork, spoon) by 15 months
- Does not imitate actions or words by 24 months
- Does not follow simple one-step instructions by 24 months