

Building Verbal Imitation in Toddlers

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Level One	Level Two	*Level Three	Level Four	Level Five	Level Six	Level Seven	Level Eight
Actions with Objects <u>Expected Actions:</u> Shake a rattle Bang two blocks Pat hands on table Remove a blanket Dump out toys Put objects in box Knock over tower Stack blocks Push a car Roll a ball Hit a balloon Pat a drum Push button on toy Knock on a door Stir with a spoon Hold phone to ear Pat, hug & kiss doll Put hat on Brush a doll's hair Feed a doll Wash a doll Hammer ball/pegs	Communicative Gestures <u>Simple Big Body Actions</u> such as: Pantomime actions Bang hands on lap Stomp Kick March Dance Animal movements <u>Easy Communicative Gestures:</u> Reach to be lifted Wave Clap Blow kisses Give Me 5 Shake head yes/no Pointing	Nonverbal Actions with Your Face and Mouth Open/close mouth Widen eyes Raise eyebrows Puff out cheeks Round your lips Chatter teeth Smile Pout Blow Grimace or snarl Pucker lips to kiss Smack lips Lick lips Close lips tightly Stick out tongue Pull tongue back in Wiggle tongue Click tongue Pretend to lick *Not necessary for most late talkers!	Vocalizations in Play Say "ah" in bucket Pant like a dog Audible inhalation Squeal or scream Grunt with effort Yawn Fake cough Fake sneeze Car/Truck noises Siren noise Fake laugh Fake cry Whine Snore Snort like a pig Slurp with drinking Exhale after drink Shiver Indian noise Sh! for quiet Growl	Exclamatory Words Mmm, mmm, mmm Yum or yummy Yuck or yucky Ick or icky Yay Ouch, owie Boo Boo boo Uh oh Oops or whoops Oh Ew Eek Whee Wow Whoa Woo hoo Pow Hooray Aw Man Oh no Oh yeah Oh boy No way	Automatic Speech in Verbal Routines Pause to let child fill in words with: Ready, Set, Go 1, 2, 3 <u>Social Games</u> Peek-a-boo Patty Cake Give Me 5 Ride Little Horsie Row Your Boat Ring Around The Rosies <u>Early Songs</u> Twinkle Twinkle Itsy, Bitsy Spider If You're Happy ... Wheels on the Bus Old MacDonald Develop your own Verbal Routines during play with the same words each time.	Functional Words All done/all gone Baby Ball Banana Bath Bye-bye Book Car Cat Choo choo Cookie Cracker Dada/Daddy Dog Eye Hi/hello Hot Juice Milk Mama/Mommy More No Nose Shoe Please Thank you Early Verbs Early Prepositions Early Pronouns Early Descriptives	Short Phrases My _____ More _____ _____ please More please Bye bye _____ Hi _____ Night night _____ Combine words from a child's established vocabulary <u>Holistic Phrases:</u> I got it I did it I do it See ya' Come on Right there What's that? Where it go? Where are you? Games from <i>Teach Me To Play WITH You</i> Animal Sounds Vehicle noises like beep, vroom, woo-woo, boom, crash Blow Raspberries Horns Whistles Pinwheels Cotton balls Musical toys like a flute or kazoo
<u>Unexpected:</u> Knock under table Hide hands Place toy on head Roll car down leg Sit on a hat	Hand Motions for Songs & Fingerplays Simple Sign Language	Horns Whistles Pinwheels Cotton balls Musical toys like a flute or kazoo	Blow Raspberries	Animal Sounds Vehicle noises like beep, vroom, woo-woo, boom, crash	Games from <i>Teach Me To Play WITH You</i>	Early Verbs Early Prepositions Early Pronouns Early Descriptives	<u>Carrier Phrases:</u> I want _____ More _____ please I see _____ I like _____