

Late Talker or Speech Delay?

Late Talker

- Understands what you say
- Points to show you things ("look!")
- Uses gestures or sounds to communicate
- Engages during play and interaction
- May try to imitate words occasionally

Speech Delay

- Has difficulty understanding directions
- Doesn't point, wave, or show things often
- Uses fewer ways to communicate overall
- May seem less engaged in back-and-forth interaction
- Limited imitation of sounds or words

Tips for Right Now

Everyday Routines

- Name foods at snack time
- Talking through getting dressed
- Singing songs in the car
- Playing on the floor together



Remember

- You don't need special activities to support your toddler's speech.
- The best language moments happen during your everyday routines.
- Gestures, pointing, sounds, and signs *all* count as communication!
- Small steps, everyday interactions, and early support make a big difference!
- You're doing great!

