

**CHART OF NORMAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**12-24 MONTHS**

**MOTOR SKILLS**

Gross Motor Skills

- Walks alone.
- Walks backward.
- Picks up toys from floor without falling.
- Pulls toy, pushes toy.
- Seats self in child's chair.
- Walks up and down stairs (hand-held).
- Moves to music.

Fine Motor Skills

- Builds tower of 3 small blocks.
- Puts 4 rings on a stick.
- Places 5 pegs in pegboard.
- Turns pages 2 or 3 at a time.
- Scribbles.
- Turns knobs.
- Throws small ball.
- Paints with whole arm movement, shifts hands, makes strokes.

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

Understanding of Language

- Responds correctly when asked **where** (when question is accompanied by gesture).
- Understands prepositions **on, in, and under**.
- Follows request to bring familiar object from another room.
- Understands simple phrases with key words (for example, **Open the door, or Get the ball**).
- Follows a series of 2 simple but related directions.

Spoken Language

- Says first meaningful word.
- Uses single word plus a gesture to ask for objects.
- Says successive single words to describe an event.

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**12-24 MONTHS Continued**

- Refers to self by name.
- Uses **my** or **mine** to indicate possession.
- Has vocabulary of about 50 words for important people, common objects, and the existence, nonexistence, and recurrence of objects and events (for example, **more** and **all gone**).

**COGNITIVE SKILLS**

- Imitates actions and words of adults.
- Responds to words or commands with appropriate action (for example, **Stop that; Get down**).
- Is able to match two similar objects.
- Looks at storybook with an adult, naming or pointing to familiar objects on request (for example, **What is that?; Point to the baby**).
- Recognizes difference between **you** and **me**.
- Has very limited attention span.
- Accomplishes primary learning through own exploration.

**SELF-HELP SKILLS**

- Uses spoon, spilling little.
- Drinks from cup, one hand, unassisted.
- Chews food.
- Removes shoes, socks, pants, and sweater.
- Unzips large zipper.
- Indicates toilet needs.

**SOCIAL SKILLS**

- Recognizes self in mirror or picture.
- Refers to self by name.
- Plays by self, initiates own play.
- Imitates adult behaviors in play.
- Helps put things away.