





A Checklist for a Sound Start

By 24 months (2 years) of age . . .







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|  My child often puts two to four words together in short phrases (e.g., “daddy hat”, “truck go down”) | YES | NO |
|  My child uses 100 words or more | YES | NO |

Number of times you checked ‘NO’

If you answered 'NO' to one or both questions,
please consider a referral to the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centre nearest you.

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 My child knows what I mean when I talk about a toy that is in another room	YES	NO
 My child understands directions with two steps (“pick up <i>the book and give it to daddy</i> ”)	YES	NO
 My child likes a variety of different toys and activities	YES	NO
 Someone who does not know my child can understand about 50% of what he/she says	YES	NO
 My child uses at least one pronoun (“ <i>me, my, you</i> ”)	YES	NO
 My child holds books the right way up and turns pages	YES	NO

Number of times you checked ‘NO’

If you answered 'NO' to 3 or more questions,
please consider a referral to the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centre nearest you.

How to Make a Referral

A parent/guardian may make a referral to the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centre nearest your community by filling out a referral form or by contacting the nearest centre directly. NSHSC has an open referral policy meaning a doctor's referral is not necessary.

~ These services are available at no cost to Nova Scotia preschool children who have a valid NS Health Card. ~

[Click here](#) to find a centre near you

Toll Free: 1-888-780-3330

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