



Skill	What does it look like?	Present	Emerging	Absent
Social				
Responds to People	Enjoys being around other people and responds consistently to interactions			
Turn-Taking	Participates in extended back and forth exchanges with another person			
Joint Attention	Shifts attention between an object and adult while sharing the same focus			
Initiation	Purposefully works to get attention to meet their needs and to entice adult to play with or notice them.			
Receptive Language				
Responds to Environment	Consistent reacts to things they see, hear, and feel			
Develops longer attention span	Stays with several activities for at least 3-5 minutes alone and even longer with adults			
Plays with a variety of toys	Plays well with several different toys and uses familiar objects in			





	everyday routines		
Understands words and follows directions	Completes several different verbal commands consistently.		
Expressive Language			
Vocalizes purposefully	Attempts to gain attention from others		
Imitates actions, gestures, sounds, and words	Copies what they see other people do or hear other people say.		
Uses early gestures like waving and pointing	Communicates nonverbally using a variety of different gestures.		

^{*}Adapted from "11 Skills Toddlers Master Before Words Emerge" from Let's Talk About Talking By Laura Mize, M.S., CCC-SLP