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Child's Age	Mastered Skills (most kids can do)	Emerging Skills (half of kids can do)	Advanced Skills (a few kids can do)
1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lifts head when lying on tummy</li> <li>Responds to sound</li> <li>Stares at faces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follows objects briefly with eyes</li> <li>Vocalizes: oohs and aahs</li> <li>Can see black-and-white patterns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smiles, laughs</li> <li>Holds head at 45-degree angle</li> </ul>
2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vocalizes: gurgles and coos</li> <li>Follows objects across field of vision</li> <li>Notices his hands</li> <li>Holds head up for short periods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smiles, laughs</li> <li>Holds head at 45-degree angle</li> <li>Makes smoother movements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holds head steady</li> <li>Can bear weight on legs</li> <li>Lifts head and shoulders when lying on tummy (mini-pushup)</li> </ul>
3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognizes your face and scent</li> <li>Holds head steady</li> <li>Visually tracks moving objects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Squeals, gurgles, coos</li> <li>Blows bubbles</li> <li>Recognizes your voice</li> <li>Does mini-pushup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rolls over, from tummy to back</li> <li>Turns toward loud sounds</li> <li>Can bring hands together, bats at toys</li> </ul>
4 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smiles, laughs</li> <li>Can bear weight on legs</li> <li>Coos when you talk to him</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can grasp a toy</li> <li>Rolls over, from tummy to back</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imitates sounds: "baba," "dada"</li> <li>Cuts first tooth</li> <li>May be ready for solid foods</li> </ul>
5 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distinguishes between bold colors</li> <li>Plays with his hands and feet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognizes own name</li> <li>Turns toward new sounds</li> <li>Rolls over in both directions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sits momentarily without support</li> <li>Mouths objects</li> <li>Separation anxiety may begin</li> </ul>
6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turns toward sounds and voices</li> <li>Imitates sounds</li> <li>Rolls over in both directions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is ready for solid foods</li> <li>Sits without support</li> <li>Mouths objects</li> <li>Passes objects from hand to hand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunges forward or starts crawling</li> <li>Jabbers or combines syllables</li> <li>Drags objects toward himself</li> </ul>
7 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sits without support</li> <li>Drags objects toward herself</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunges forward or starts crawling</li> <li>Jabbers or combines syllables</li> <li>Starts to experience stranger anxiety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waves goodbye</li> <li>Stands while holding onto something</li> <li>Bangs objects together</li> <li>Begins to understand object permanence</li> </ul>
8 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Says "mama" and "dada" to both parents (isn't specific)</li> <li>Passes objects from hand to hand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stands while holding onto something</li> <li>Crawls</li> <li>Points at objects</li> <li>Searches for hidden objects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pulls self to standing, cruises</li> <li>Picks things up with thumb-finger pincer grasp</li> <li>Indicates wants with gestures</li> </ul>
9 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stands while holding onto something</li> <li>Jabbers or combines syllables</li> <li>Understands object permanence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cruises while holding onto furniture</li> <li>Drinks from a sippy cup</li> <li>Eats with fingers</li> <li>Bangs objects together</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plays patty-cake and peek-a-boo</li> <li>Says "mama" and "dada" to the correct parent</li> </ul>
10 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waves goodbye</li> <li>Picks things up with pincer grasp</li> <li>Crawls well, with belly off the ground</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Says "mama" and "dada" to the correct parent</li> <li>Indicates wants with gestures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stands alone for a couple of seconds</li> <li>Puts objects into a container</li> </ul>
11 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Says "mama" and "dada" to the correct parent</li> <li>Plays patty-cake and peek-a-boo</li> <li>Stands alone for a couple of seconds</li> <li>Cruises</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understands "no" and simple instructions</li> <li>Puts objects into a container</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Says one word besides "mama" and "dada"</li> <li>Stoops from standing position</li> </ul>
12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imitates others' activities</li> <li>Indicates wants with gestures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Takes a few steps</li> <li>Says one word besides "mama" and "dada"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walks alone</li> <li>Scribbles with a crayon</li> <li>Says two words besides "mama" and "dada"</li> </ul>

13 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses two <b>words</b> skillfully (e.g., "hi" and "bye")</li> <li>• <b>Bends over</b> and picks up an object</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoys gazing at his reflection</li> <li>• Holds out arm or leg to <b>help you dress him</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combines words and gestures to make needs known</li> <li>• Rolls a ball back and forth</li> </ul>
14 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eats with fingers</b></li> <li>• Empties containers of contents</li> <li>• <b>Imitates others</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Toddles</b> well</li> <li>• Initiates games</li> <li>• Points to one body part when asked</li> <li>• Responds to instructions (e.g., "give me a kiss")</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses a <b>spoon or fork</b></li> <li>• Matches lids with appropriate containers</li> <li>• <b>Pushes and pulls</b> toys while walking</li> </ul>
15 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plays with ball</li> <li>• Uses three <b>words</b> regularly</li> <li>• <b>Walks</b> backward</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scribbles</b> with a crayon</li> <li>• Runs</li> <li>• Adopts "no" as his favorite word</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>"Helps"</b> around the house</li> <li>• Puts his fingers to his mouth and says "<i>shhh</i>"</li> </ul>
16 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turns the pages of a <b>book</b></li> <li>• Has <b>temper tantrums</b> when frustrated</li> <li>• Becomes attached to a soft toy or other object</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discovers the joy of <b>climbing</b></li> <li>• Stacks three blocks</li> <li>• Uses <b>spoon or fork</b></li> <li>• Learns the correct way to use common objects (e.g., the telephone)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Takes off one piece of clothing</b> by himself</li> <li>• Gets <b>finicky about food</b></li> <li>• Switches from <b>two naps to one</b></li> </ul>
17 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses six <b>words</b> regularly</li> <li>• Enjoys <b>pretend games</b></li> <li>• Likes riding toys</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Feeds doll</b></li> <li>• <b>Speaks</b> more clearly</li> <li>• <b>Throws</b> a ball underhand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dances to <b>music</b></li> <li>• Sorts toys by color, shape, or size</li> <li>• <b>Kicks ball</b> forward</li> </ul>
18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will <b>"read"</b> board books on his own</li> <li>• <b>Scribbles</b> well</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strings two words together in <b>phrases</b></li> <li>• <b>Brushes teeth</b> with help</li> <li>• Stacks four blocks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Throws</b> a ball overhand</li> <li>• Takes toys apart and puts them back together</li> <li>• Shows signs of <b>toilet training readiness</b></li> </ul>
19 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses a <b>spoon and fork</b></li> <li>• Runs</li> <li>• <b>Throws</b> a ball underhand</li> <li>• Enjoys helping around the house</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understands as many as <b>200 words</b></li> <li>• Recognizes when something is wrong (e.g., calling a dog a cat)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Washes and dries own hands</b> with help</li> <li>• Points to picture or object when you call it by name</li> <li>• May know <b>when she needs to pee</b></li> </ul>
20 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Feeds doll</b></li> <li>• <b>Takes off own clothes</b></li> <li>• Dumps an object in imitation, such as throwing garbage away</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Learns words</b> at a rate of ten or more a day</li> <li>• Can <b>walk up stairs</b> (but probably not down)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May start <b>exploring genitals</b></li> <li>• <b>Draws</b> a straight line</li> <li>• Names several body parts</li> </ul>
21 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can <b>walk up stairs</b></li> <li>• Able to set simple goals (e.g., deciding to put a toy in a certain place)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Throws</b> a ball overhand</li> <li>• <b>Kicks ball</b> forward</li> <li>• Stacks six blocks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Names simple picture in a book</li> <li>• Can <b>walk down stairs</b></li> </ul>
22 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kicks ball</b> forward</li> <li>• Follows <b>two-step requests</b> (e.g., "Get your doll and bring it here")</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does simple puzzles</li> <li>• <b>Draws</b> a straight line</li> <li>• Names several body parts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Puts on loose-fitting clothes</b></li> <li>• Might be ready for a <b>big bed</b></li> <li>• Understands opposites (e.g., tall vs. short)</li> </ul>
23 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Names simple picture in a book</li> <li>• Uses <b>50 to 70 words</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opens doors</li> <li>• <b>Sings simple tunes</b></li> <li>• Takes more of an interest in <b>playing with other kids</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talks about self (likes, dislikes)</li> <li>• Asks <b>"why?"</b></li> </ul>
24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Names at least six body parts</li> <li>• Half of speech is understandable</li> <li>• Makes <b>two- to three-word sentences</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talks about self</li> <li>• Arranges things in categories</li> <li>• Can <b>walk down stairs</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begins to understand abstract concepts (e.g., sooner and later)</li> <li>• Becomes attuned to gender differences</li> <li>• Learns to <b>jump</b></li> </ul>
25 and 26 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stacks six blocks</li> <li>• <b>Walks</b> with smooth heel-to-toe motion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Uses pronouns</b> (e.g., I, me, you)</li> <li>• <b>Washes and dries own hands</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaks</b> clearly most of the time</li> <li>• <b>Draws</b> a vertical line</li> </ul>
27 and 28 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jumps</b> with both feet</li> <li>• Opens doors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Understands</b> descriptions (e.g., big, soft)</li> <li>• <b>Draws</b> a vertical line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starts to recognize <b>ABCs</b></li> <li>• <b>Balances</b> on one foot</li> </ul>
29 and 30 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brushes teeth</b> with help</li> <li>• <b>Washes and dries own hands</b></li> <li>• <b>Draws</b> a vertical line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Draws</b> a circle</li> <li>• <b>Balances</b> on one foot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Puts on a T-shirt</b></li> <li>• <b>Names one color</b></li> <li>• Names one friend</li> </ul>