

KIDwork: Knowing Your Child's Communication

HOW does your child communicate?

WHY does your child communicate?

WHEN does your child communicate?

WHAT does your child communicate about?

HOW AND WHY YOUR CHILD COMMUNICATES

Please indicate if or how your child communicates for each of the reasons listed below...For example, if Mary Lou says "hi" sometimes to greet someone, you will indicate that on the row that says "to greet". If she says "help me" to request assistance, you will indicate that in the last column on the row that says "to request actions/assistance". If she points to request objects, you will indicate that in the second column on the row that says "to request objects". There are several examples, in gray, on the chart.

	Looks to make eye contact	Reaches/ Points/ Gestures/ Pulls adult to object	Uses signs/acts out what he wants to say	Sounds that stand for words/attempts to say words	Sometimes uses single words (give example of words used)	Often uses single words	Combines two or more words
To greet ((example))					Says "hi"		
To request objects		Points at toys					
To request Actions/assistance							Says "help me"
To Greet							
To protest							
To request objects							
To request Actions/assistance							
To imitate							
To get attention							
To label or describe							
To ask questions							
To comment on current event/ activity (what you're doing at the time)							
To comment on what can't be seen							

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WHEN YOUR CHILD COMMUNICATES: Please think about a typical day, and complete the table below about your child's communication throughout the day. The top row at 7:00 a.m., in gray, is an example.

Time	Activity OR Routine	What does child communicate about?	HOW does child communicate—please give us examples (could be gesturing, pointing, signing, specific words)?	With whom does child communicate?
7:00	breakfast	Food!	Points to cereal; says "ju" for juice or milk	mom & dad
7:00				
8:00				
9:00				
10:00				
11:00				
12:00				
1:00				
2:00				
3:00				
4:00				
5:00				
6:00				
7:00				
8:00				

When you and your child are together, does he...

Initiate communication/conversation with you? Yes, often Occasionally Seldom

Show listening behavior when YOU talk (look at you, wait his or her turn to "talk", respond to the content of what you said)?
 Yes, often Occasionally Seldom

Respond to your conversational turn with one of his own? Yes, often Occasionally Seldom

Answer your questions? Yes, often Occasionally Seldom

Imitate words that he hears? Yes, often Occasionally Seldom

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WHAT DOES YOUR CHILD COMMUNICATE ABOUT?

*Remember that communication is not only verbal, but also nonverbal (see "HOW"). The first row under topic, in gray, is an example.

Topic	Examples (what specific items or actions does your child communicate about, how does your child communicate, and what is the word or sign your child uses for these things)
Food/drink	Signs "more" and "milk"; says "o's" for cereal (cheerios); says "none" when done.
Food/drink	
Toys	
Parents	
Brothers/Sisters	
Other people	
Pets	
Clothes	
School/Daycare	
Toileting	
Playing	
TV	
Music	
Going for a ride	
Home	