

# How Many Words Should my Toddler be Using?

By age 2, most children can:

- Use simple phrases, such as "more milk"
- Ask one- to two-word questions, such as "Go bye-bye?"
- Follow simple commands and understand simple questions
- Speak about 50 or more words
- Be understood at least half the time by parents or other primary caregivers

Between the ages of 2 and 3, most children:

- Speak in two- and three-word phrases or sentences
- Use at least 200 words and as many as 1,000 words
- State their first name
- Refer to themselves with pronouns (I, me, my or mine)
- Can be understood most of the time by family or close friends

-Jay L. Hoecker, M.D.

Mayo Clinic- Healthy Lifestyle Infant and Toddler Health-Expert Answers

### **Directions**

<u>Word Count</u>: Record nouns and pronouns that the individual says clearly (could be understood by a stranger). These words do not have to be used in a sentence, just uttered at some point on the date of recording. Write each word in its own box, going down the left-most column first. Upon reaching the bottom, start again from the top of the next column to the right and work your way down again.

<u>Sentence Measure</u>: Record each word of a formulated sentence or phrase in its own box beginning in the first row and writing each word horizontally across the columns. Move to the second row for the next sentence or phrase. It is very important to write the sentence EXACTLY as the child says it and not how they meant it. Do not to correct the sentence to reflect proper grammar.

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# WORD COUNT (Example)

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