

Name of child: _____
Date: _____

MLU & Morpheme Checklist

1 year (12-18 months)

Morphemes

Words

2 years (24-30 months)

1. Noun phrases: I like _____ my pants _____ socks _____
my hat _____ all mine _____ my dog _____ all mine _____
2. Agent + action, e.g. I eat, she ran Action + object, e.g. catnappe, walk home
Action + location, e.g. put it, go out Location + object, e.g. to bed
Possessor + object, e.g. my dog Measurement + object/location, e.g. shorter
Measurement + action, e.g. long (20-25 words) plural (20-25 words)
Possessive (20-25 words) My two shoes (over 20 words)

3 years (36-42 months)

1. Agent + action + object + this is the first basic sentence pattern for speech – e.g. dog eating my cookie, get something good, I can swim, I can't _____, come dog.
2. Agent + location + object – e.g. get behind, dog on grass
3. Verbless + article/possessive + object – e.g. that puppy got, that big dog, that my dog
4. Measurement + possession + I can (20-25 words)
5. Possession + place, time for action, etc. + who, on, from, to, for, that, about (20-25 words)

4-5 years (48-60 months)

1. Agent + action + attribute + object – e.g. get to watching that ball
Agent + action + location – e.g. dog sitting under the tree
2. Measurement + I + dog gets watching/stop/forget/remember that sentence, Ist person, e.g. for
with 20-25 words, continuation is, e.g. it's, Ist person singular – e.g. the tree (20-25 words)
3. Possession + to, on, from, month, present, past, that, where (20-25 words)