

Grammar (spoken)

What to expect and when

Grammar	Age Range	Stage	Examples
Nouns: object words	2 - 2 ½ years	⇒ Plurals	Two biscuits <u>s</u> OR Three watch <u>s</u>
		⇒ Possessives	The girl' <u>s</u> bag
Verbs: action words	2 ½ - 3 years	⇒ Present progressive (ing)	She is wash <u>ing</u>
		⇒ Aux/Copula (is/are) - uncontracted	<u>She is</u> washing OR <u>They are</u> hungry
		⇒ Aux/copula – contracted	He' <u>s</u> tired OR she' <u>s</u> eating cookies
		⇒ Regular past tense	She wash <u>ed</u> the dishes
	3 - 3 ½	⇒ Future tense	He <u>is going to</u> OR He <u>will</u> write a letter)
	3 ½ - 4	⇒ Irregular past tense	She <u>wrote</u> a letter
Pronouns: people words	2 - 2 ½	⇒ First person	I, me, you e.g. "I want..."
	2 ½ - 3	⇒ Gender	He, she, they e.g. "She is happy"
	3 ½ - 4	⇒ Possessive	His, hers, theirs e.g. "That's his dog"
	3 - 4	⇒ Object	Him, her, them e.g. "Go and see him"
Negatives	2 ½ - 3	⇒ Negation	No, not.
Questions	3 ½ - 4	⇒ N - v inversion	Are you coming?
		⇒ Wh__?	When are you going?
		⇒ Behind, in front, between	It's beside you between the two chairs



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