Uses 4 - 6 words together in a sentence

Some grammatical errors persist e.g. ‘sheeps’, ‘goed’

Uses 2-3 words in a phrase. Uses language to talk about function and description

Using single words to communicate

Understanding more complex position words and sequencing words

Can initiate, maintain and change a topic of conversation

Responds to simple instructions

Will initiate interaction with a close adult to request something

Follows instructions in context & collects up to 3 items that are requested

Initiates conversation and is able to take turns in a conversation

Follows instructions in context & collects up to 2 items that are requested

Takes 2/3 turns in conversation led by an adult.

Concentrates on a toy they have chosen for a few minutes

Beginning to listen with interest but easily distracted.

Can ‘listen and do’ at the same time

Actively participates in adult-directed activities for around 5 minutes.

**Four to Five years**

**Three to Four years**

**Two to Three years**

**18 months to two years**