

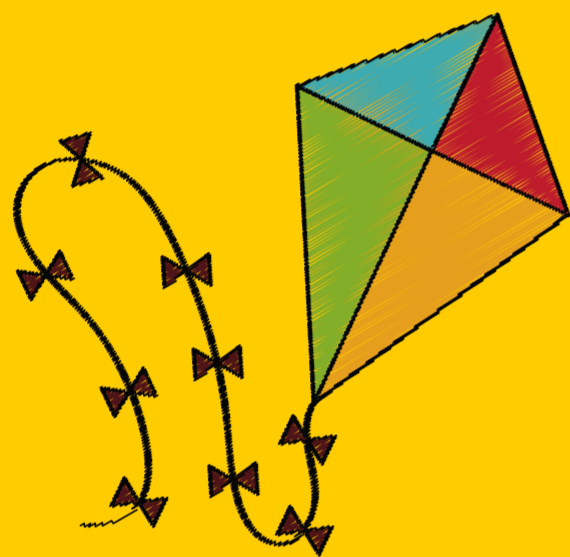
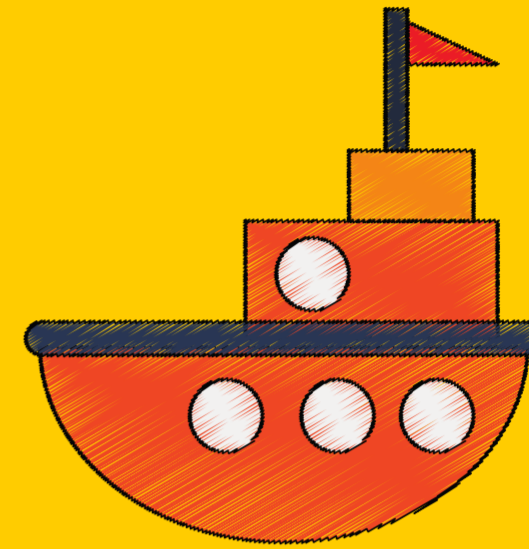


# Developmental Language Disorders: key red flags

Developmental Language Disorder is when a child or adult has significant problems understanding and/or using language to communicate with others.

No babbling or gestures.  
Not responding to speech or other sounds.  
Makes few attempts to communicate.

**AGES**  
**1-2**



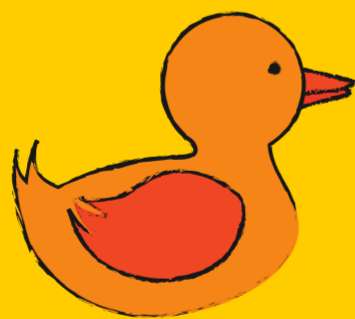
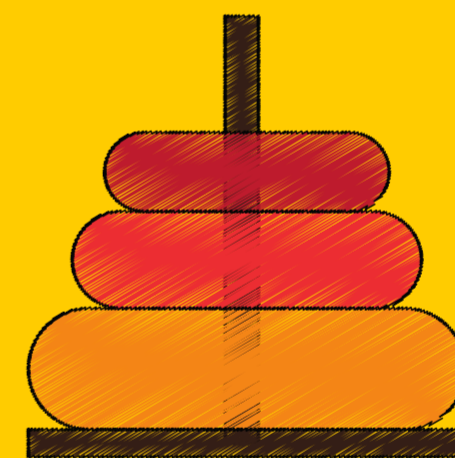
**AGES**  
**2-3**

Little interaction.  
Fewer than 50 words.  
Does not respond to speech.  
Language appears to have stalled or gone backwards.



Speaks in two-word sentences.  
Does not understand simple commands (e.g. "Get your shoes").  
Not easily understood by close relatives.

**AGES**  
**3-4**



**AGES**  
**4-5**

Does not understand speech.  
Not understood by strangers.

Not understood by strangers.  
Can't tell or re-tell a coherent story.  
Can't understand what is read to them.

- Close relatives understand <50% of speech.  
Speaks in two-three word sentences.

Difficulty following instructions.  
Talks a lot, but poor conversation skills.  
Interprets things literally, often 'missing the point'.

**AGE**  
**5+**

