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***"At North Naples Speech and Language Services Inc., we believe that each child needs to possess the tools for effective communication. Effective communication is essential in a child's ability to develop friendships, solve problems, seek information, and express their feelings, wants and needs. The use of competent speech and language skills impacts a child's success in academics as well as interpersonal relationships."***

***Lori Tinney, Speech Pathologist/Director/owner***

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### **3-year old checklist Speech-Language Skills**

At three years old, a child is learning language quickly and can now speak in short sentences. By the time a child is three, their expressive vocabulary has grown to 900-1000 words. A three-year-old may have normal developmental dysfluencies that seem like stuttering due to the fact that they understand language, but are still learning to formulate correct sentences.

At three years old, the following are skills that should have developed:

- \_\_\_ Can answer simple "What" questions, such as "What is your name?", "What did you have for lunch?"
- \_\_\_ Understands early basic concepts including: big, little, in, on, under, out, up, top, none, empty
- \_\_\_ Speaks in short sentences of 3-4 words in length
- \_\_\_ Uses plurals. "I have one nose, I have two \_\_\_(eyes)"
- \_\_\_ Uses present progressive. (She is washing)
- \_\_\_ Uses regular past tense (She walkeded home)
- \_\_\_ Uses first person pronouns correctly (I, me, you)
- \_\_\_ Uses gender pronouns correctly (he, she)
- \_\_\_ Can repeat a short sentence without changing leaving out words
- \_\_\_ Articulates the sounds m,n,p,f, h, w and marks the ending sounds of words (ie, does not say "ca" for "cat")

