
"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. Competent speech and language skills impacts a child's success in academics as well as interpersonal relationships."

Lori Tinney, Speech Pathologist/Director/Owner

Speech-Language Development 5-year old Checklist

The language of a five year old should have very few errors in grammar and syntax. The speech of a five-year old is easily understood by all listeners. They can answer questions without difficulty and explain events and experiences. A five-year old is beginning to use language for reasoning tasks.

Typical 5-year old speech and language skills include the following mastered skills:

- _____ Answers wh- questions, where, what, who, how many, why
- _____ Completes analogies and know opposites (ie, A mouse is little, and an elephant is _____)
- _____ Is able to answer a question related to the function of an object (What is a clock for?)
- _____ Repeats a list of 4 unrelated words
- _____ Repeats a complex sentence
- _____ Knows the concepts *most, least, day, night, biggest, littlest, full, empty, half*
- _____ Is able to explain similarities and differences in complete sentences
- _____ Understands and is able to give rhyming words
- _____ Is able to identify how objects are alike and different
- _____ Uses future, present, and past verb tenses correctly
- _____ Uses irregular past tense and irregular plurals (*walked, ran*)
- _____ Verbally communicates a plot in a story, giving the beginning middle, and end; gives more details in stories, predicts outcomes
- _____ Can use verbal reasoning to solve problems and shows cognitive flexibility to identify two ways to solve a problem

- _____ Articulates all sounds correctly with the exception of th and r