

Social Communication Checklist

My child...

shows what he wants and doesn't want but doesn't send these messages directly to me (I often have to guess)

intentionally asks for things he wants and doesn't want

communicates to connect with others by sharing interests

has short conversations

He or she does this by...

- coming close to me or the object
- smiling/laughing while looking at something
- smiling at me when we play games without toys (shares enjoyment)
- reaching for/touching something while looking at it
- exploring things with his hands, mouth, etc.
- moving his body (e.g., bounces when he wants to jump, pushes things away that he does not want)
- other:

- moving my hands to get what he wants (e.g., pushes my hand to make a toy work)
- taking me to things or bringing things to me
- making sounds/using words/phrases to ask for something
- pointing to things to show me he wants them
- looking at me, then looking at toys/objects, then back to me
- other:

- responding when I make comments or ask questions
- looking when I point to objects or people
- sharing interests with me (e.g., things he likes, is afraid of, a part of his body that is hurt, etc.)
- making comments about what he sees
- looking back and forth between me and an object to show it to me (and waiting for me to respond)
- other:

- taking two or more turns in short conversations
- making comments and waiting for me to respond
- talking about his likes and dislikes
- talking about different things - not just his favourite topic

And then...

- making comments or asking questions about what I just said
- talking about the likes and dislikes of others
- talking about the past/future
- talking about an idea in several different ways instead of repeating the same words/scripts
- other:

His or her communication stage is...

Own Agenda

Requester

Early Communicator

Partner