

Communication milestones

At 4 years children can usually...

understanding

- answer most questions about daily tasks
- understand most wh-questions, including those about a story they have recently heard
- understand some numbers
- show an awareness that some words start or finish with the same sounds.

No need to always read the whole book. Talk about pictures that interest me.

speaking

- use words, such as 'and', 'but' and 'because', to make longer sentences
- describe recent events, such as morning routines
- ask lots of questions
- use personal pronouns (e.g., he/she, me/you) and negations (e.g., don't/can't)
- count to five and name a few colours.

