

Age 2 Years - Developmental Milestones

By 2 years of age, children often have drastically improved gross motor and language skills as compared to 18 months. By 2 years of age, children are often able to stack a tower of 6 blocks and can also walk up and down stairs 1 step at a time. Most 2 year olds are also able to stand on their tiptoes, throw a ball overhead, as well as run and jump. Children's language skills also increase drastically between 18 months and 2 years of age. By 2 years, usually ½ of their speech is understandable to a total stranger and children are also capable to following a 2 step verbal command. At two years, children also take part in parallel play, which is described as children playing adjacent to one another but not directly playing with one another.



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Gross Motor

Jumps

[Jumping](#)

By two years of age, most children are able to jump up and down.

Fine Motor

Copies a Line

[Line](#)

By two years old, a toddler will be able to copy a straight line.

Stacks Six Blocks

[\(6\) Sax and Blocks](#)

By two years of age, children are often able to stack a tower of six blocks.

Turns Pages

[Turning Page](#)

Toddlers at two years of age should have the ability to turn pages one at a time.

Language

Two-Word Phrases

[\(2\) Tutu and Words](#)

Toddlers at this age should be able to say two-word sentences, and have about 200 words in their vocabulary.

Half of Speech is Understandable

[Half of Speech Heard](#)

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200 Words by Age 2

[\(2\) Tutu with \(100\) Dollar-bill and Words](#)

Toddlers at this age will have about 50-200 words in their vocabulary and should be able to say two-word sentences.

Social / Cognitive

Parallel Play

[Parallel Lines](#)

Parallel play is usually observed in children around two years old. This is when children play adjacent to one another, but do not interact with each other. This is an important first step to socializing and learning to interact with others.

Begins Toilet Training

[Toilet with Training-wheels](#)

Toilet training is a milestone in child development, and the process usually begins between 18 months and two years of age.

Rapprochement

[Rat-roach](#)

Rapprochement is often observed in children at two years of age, which is where the child moves away from and then returns to the caretaker. This is an important milestone for beginning the practice of independence.