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Developmental Milestones of Preschool Children

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Something is Different at the Preschool Age

Parents naturally notice their child's development as they observe them with other children—especially in preschool. Children learn a huge number of new physical skills in the preschool years, have increasingly complex thoughts and relate in new ways to the people around them. They separate from their parents more easily and learn how to play next to—then with—friends. Parents see their children do more for themselves and should help them learn to follow rules and control behavior. Children entering preschool begin to understand their limits and enjoy the challenges they face, standing up for themselves and striving to get what they need.

Testing Us at Two

This age got its “terrible” name for good reason, but the difficulty is really a sign of growth.

Two-year-olds are often full of strong emotions, possessiveness, separation fears and frustration. They generally want to undertake more than they are equipped to handle, and aren't certain how to go about getting what they want.

The frustration appears in obstinance and tantrums—or even stuttering when their grasp of language (about 300 words—though it often seems to primarily consist of “no”) just doesn't keep up with all the new ideas in their developing minds.

They may copy what you do, but not follow your directions. They'll want to do things for themselves, but also begin to tell you what they want and precisely how quickly they want it. They learn pronouns—particularly “I” and “me” to describe the person who is most important in their world.

You may quickly learn that distracting them or making them laugh works better than strict discipline or reasoning.

They may begin toilet training at this age ... or possibly not.

Physically, many two-year-olds can:

- Turn pages of books and draw circles.
- Begin to handle silverware.
- Run and try to escape from mom and dad.
- Pedal a tricycle.
- Run without falling.
- Walk up stairs without help, both feet on each step, but may need help coming down.

Intellectually, many two-year-olds:

- Put two or three words together.
- Say 20 to 50 intelligible words.
- Name simple body parts.
- Answer “What does a dog say?”
- Can point to an object when it is named.

Socially, many two-year-olds:

- Play next to friends.
- May offer their first and last names when asked.
- Hum and sing.
- Are often obstinate and independent with some tantrums, whining, biting and screaming.
- Are distressed when separating from loved ones.

Two-Year Checklist

Has your two-year-old:

- Kicked a ball?
- Picked up food with a fork?
- Put two to three words together?
- Responded to something funny?
- Dressed herself in simple pull-on clothes?

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