

18 weeks of gestation (4 months) = Hearing begins to develop.

Third trimester = The fetus responds to auditory stimulation.

38 weeks (8.8 months) = fetuses have preference for their own mother voice over that of strangers.

After birth = children recognize their mother language as distinct from other language.

1st six months = coos – gurgles.

2nd six months = Babbling.

12-18 months = First word (one word stage) (holophrastic period).

preschool years = sentences gradually lengthen.

3rd year = sentences gradually lengthen, bound morphemes (s الجمع) and function words emerge (at, of, as, the).

Morphemes emerge gradually in a similar order.

3-4 years = children begin producing relative clauses spontaneously (that).

5 years = complex sentences.

5-6 years = language becomes more systematic.

6 years = children roughly know 8000-14000 words.

8 years = use morphology.

7-8-9 years = start to use derivational morphemes (ness-full-ment).