Communication Development

Developmental milestones for typically developing first grade students

By the end of first grade, typically developing students should be able to....

Listening

1 Recall short verbally-presented sentences
2 Understand commands
3 Follow 2-step related directions in order

Speaking

1 Be understood in conversation 90% of the time
2 Answer yes/no questions (less and more complex)
3 Tell and retell stories and simple directions in order
4 Express ideas in complete sentences
5 Mostly correct grammar
6 Ask/answer "wh" questions (who, what, where, when, why)
7 Stay on topic for 2-3 exchanges
8 Take turns in conversation
9 Start appropriate conversations

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