

**Figure 2.4** Language development 0–4 years

<b>Age</b>	<b>Language skill</b>
2 months	Makes sounds in response to stimulus
3 months	Makes cooing sounds
7 months	Makes sounds such as giving a 'raspberry'
10 months	Single syllable babbling ('ma', 'pa', 'ba', 'da')
11 months	Multiple syllable babbling ('mama', 'dada', 'baba')
14 months	Uses 'mama' and 'dada' (or similar sounds) to call parents
16 months	Uses some words besides 'mama' and 'dada'
22 months	Has a vocabulary of four to six words Can express some wants Can be understood by parents about half the time
23 months	Can form two-word sentences
26 months	Has a 50-word vocabulary
29 months	Uses 'me', 'you', 'my'
34 months	Uses prepositions Can carry on a conversation Can identify and use 'cup', 'spoon'
37 months	Can be understood by strangers about three-quarters of the time
47 months	Can be understood by strangers most of the time

Source: Vukelich et al... 2002