

# Age finder quiz

Answer 10 questions about what your child does now to find the best stage to start reading. This is not a developmental assessment.

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## 1. How does your child get around?

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A Not walking yet: rolls, sits, crawls or pulls up to stand       | <input type="radio"/> B Taking first steps, or walks holding on to furniture or a hand |
| <input type="radio"/> C Walks alone, getting steadier, and is starting to run and climb | <input type="radio"/> D Runs, climbs and jumps, and rides a tricycle or balance bike   |
| <input type="radio"/> E Rides a bike or scooter, or plays ball games and sports         |                                                                                        |

## 2. How does your child talk right now?

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| <input type="radio"/> A Coos and babbles, or says a first word or two              | <input type="radio"/> B Says single words, or puts 2 or 3 words together, like "more milk" |
| <input type="radio"/> C Talks in short sentences and asks lots of "why?" questions | <input type="radio"/> D Talks in full sentences and can tell you what happened today       |

## 3. What about the toilet?

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| <input type="radio"/> A In diapers and not using a potty yet                      | <input type="radio"/> B Learning to use the potty or toilet |
| <input type="radio"/> C Uses the toilet, with some help or an occasional accident | <input type="radio"/> D Uses the toilet on their own        |

## 4. Which fits your child's day best? If your school system uses other names, pick the closest.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A At home, with a caregiver, or in daycare or a toddler class | <input type="radio"/> B Preschool or pre-K |
| <input type="radio"/> C Kindergarten or 1st grade                                   | <input type="radio"/> D 2nd to 4th grade   |
| <input type="radio"/> E 5th or 6th grade, or the first year of middle school        |                                            |

## 5. What about reading?

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| <input type="radio"/> A Not reading yet, but enjoys pictures and being read to                                  | <input type="radio"/> B Knows some letters or words, such as their own name |
| <input type="radio"/> C Learning to read simple words and sentences, often with help                            | <input type="radio"/> D Reads books on their own, including longer stories  |
| <input type="radio"/> E Reads novels or long nonfiction on their own and has strong opinions about what to read |                                                                             |

## 6. How does your child usually play?

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| <input type="radio"/> A Explores by grabbing, shaking, mouthing and dropping things        | <input type="radio"/> B Loves filling and dumping, pushing and pulling, and copying what you do     |
| <input type="radio"/> C Loves pretend play, like cooking, doctors or superheroes           | <input type="radio"/> D Likes games with rules and turns, such as board games, card games or tag    |
| <input type="radio"/> E Has hobbies or long projects, like building, drawing or collecting | <input type="radio"/> F Prefers time with friends, online or at their hobby, and wants more privacy |

## 7. What about homework?

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| <input type="radio"/> A Too young for homework                                                         | <input type="radio"/> B Just starting to get a little homework or practice, or needs an adult beside them the whole time |
| <input type="radio"/> C Has homework most days and does part of it alone                               | <input type="radio"/> D Does most homework alone and asks for help when stuck                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> E Plans homework and tests ahead mostly on their own, with projects and revision |                                                                                                                          |

## 8. How does your child get along with other children?

- ☐ A Mostly interested in familiar grown-ups, and watches other children
- ☐ B Plays next to other children, and sharing and taking turns are still hard
- ☐ C Has favorite playmates and makes up games with them
- ☐ D Has friends at school and cares a lot about what's fair
- ☐ E Has close friends, cares what they think, and sometimes has friendship ups and downs
- ☐ F Friends matter enormously, fitting in is a big deal, and friendships can shift from week to week

## 9. What usually happens when your child has big feelings?

- ☐ A Cries, and calms down when held, fed or rocked
- ☐ B Has big tantrums and may drop to the floor, hit or bite
- ☐ C Still melts down sometimes, but can say "I'm mad!" or "I'm sad"
- ☐ D Mostly uses words, and may argue, sulk or slam a door
- ☐ E Argues point by point, wants privacy, and moods can swing quickly

## 10. What about eating, dressing and other self-care?

- ☐ A You do nearly everything, like feeding, dressing and bathing
- ☐ B Wants to do it "by myself" but needs lots of help
- ☐ C Feeds themselves and dresses with some help with buttons or shoelaces
- ☐ D Gets dressed and ready mostly alone, with reminders
- ☐ E Handles most of the morning routine alone, including packing their school bag
- ☐ F Manages the whole routine alone and is starting to plan their own time and money

## How to score it

1. For each question, circle the letter of the answer that fits your child best right now.
2. In the table below, find that letter in the question's row and give 1 point to the age range in that box. If the box shows more than one age range, split the point equally between them.
3. Add up the points for each age range. The one with the most points is the page to start with.
4. If the runner-up is within 1.5 points of the top score, read that page too.

| #  | A                                   | B                       | C                      | D                                                | E                                    | F           |
|----|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1  | 0-12 months                         | 0-12 months / 1-3 years | 1-3 years              | 3-5 years                                        | 5-7 years / 7-10 years / 10-12 years |             |
| 2  | 0-12 months                         | 1-3 years               | 1-3 years / 3-5 years  | 3-5 years / 5-7 years / 7-10 years / 10-12 years |                                      |             |
| 3  | 0-12 months / 1-3 years             | 1-3 years / 3-5 years   | 3-5 years              | 3-5 years / 5-7 years / 7-10 years / 10-12 years |                                      |             |
| 4  | 0-12 months / 1-3 years             | 3-5 years               | 5-7 years              | 7-10 years                                       | 10-12 years                          |             |
| 5  | 0-12 months / 1-3 years / 3-5 years | 3-5 years / 5-7 years   | 5-7 years              | 7-10 years                                       | 10-12 years                          |             |
| 6  | 0-12 months                         | 1-3 years               | 3-5 years              | 5-7 years / 7-10 years                           | 7-10 years / 10-12 years             | 10-12 years |
| 7  | 0-12 months / 1-3 years / 3-5 years | 5-7 years               | 5-7 years / 7-10 years | 7-10 years / 10-12 years                         | 10-12 years                          |             |
| 8  | 0-12 months                         | 1-3 years               | 3-5 years              | 5-7 years                                        | 7-10 years                           | 10-12 years |
| 9  | 0-12 months                         | 1-3 years               | 3-5 years              | 5-7 years / 7-10 years                           | 10-12 years                          |             |
| 10 | 0-12 months                         | 1-3 years               | 3-5 years              | 5-7 years                                        | 7-10 years / 10-12 years             | 10-12 years |

This quiz only points you to a page to start with. It is not a developmental assessment. Children develop at different speeds, and one child can be ahead in one area and behind in another. If you are worried about your child's development, talk to your pediatrician.