

Children grow and change very quickly. How they speak, play and act give you important clues about your child's development.

Clues and Cues — 6 Years

By 6 years of age, does your child:

Language:

- Correctly say almost all of the sounds in words
- Speak clearly enough to be understood by everyone

Cognitive (thinking, learning, problem-solving):

- Now understand some words about time & order: morning, afternoon, yesterday, next, last, etc.
- Recognize some familiar words: own name, some store signs, etc.

Social/Emotional:

- Listen while others are speaking
- Help others
- Show an understanding of right and wrong

Physical (movement):

- Skip across a room
- Walk on beam without falling
- Catch a small ball: baseball, tennis ball
- Hop on 1 foot for 10 feet (3 metres)

How can dad help with his child's development?

- ✓ I may be afraid of the dark, thunderstorms, animals, and monsters: Daddy get me books about my fears to help me and listen to me & I'll feel safe.
- ✓ Let's have family fun practicing new sports: bowling, basketball, skating, cycling, baseball, soccer, etc.
- ✓ It's okay to be angry, but it's not okay to hurt myself, others or break things: Daddy help me use my words for anger.
- ✓ I enjoy making gifts and cards for special people: Daddy get me a craft box.
- ✓ I am learning to read at school: let me show you dad, how well I can read.

If you have questions or concerns about any activity for your child contact a health care or child care professional.

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