



Communication Red Flags for Children

4-Year-Old Checklist

Instructions: The following is a list of red flags that may indicate that a 4-year-old has communication concerns that need to be checked out by a speech-language pathologist. Check the box next to any of the following red flags that the child seems to have. The more boxes checked, the more likely there is a problem that should be addressed by a speech-language pathologist.

Child's Name: _____ **Age:** _____

- Speech can't be understood at least 80% of the time
- Is not using 4-word sentences
- Can't follow two-step related directions (like "go get your shoes and bring them here")
- Isn't using grammatical markers like possessive 's, plural -s, past tense -ed
- Doesn't use articles like "a" and "the"
- Can't answer a variety of wh- questions (who, what, where, when, why)
- Doesn't use correct word order when asking wh- questions
- Can't take turns in games or play
- Isn't using descriptors like color words

Total Number of Checks:

_____ out of 9