

Is inclined to strike out at persons or obstacles
Beats or bosses imaginary playmates

Fears/Worries

Visual fears predominate; masks, etc.
The dark, animals
Parents going out at night

3 ½ Years

Affect

New unsettledness
Voice quavers
Fears and fearful dreams increase
Elaborate imaginary life with much emotion involved
Very affectionate toward and possessive of parent
Says, "I love"
Humor involved in imaginary play

Assertion/Anger

Verbal threats, such as, "I'll kill you"

3-4 Years

Expressive Language

Speech more useful
Complete sentences appearing, conscious of past and future
3-4 words per speech response
Inquisitive stage: "What?"
"Me" replaced by "I"
Hesitant speech appears (a normal manifestation)
Imperfect pronunciation and speech
Vocabulary: 900-1500 words

Articulation

b, f, g, k
Labiodental and velar lingual movements

Receptive Language

Recognizes sex differences, pronouns, and adjectives
Answers simple questions
Listens attentively to 2-3 stories at a time
Holds up fingers to signify age
Follows 2 commands
Gives full name