Child's Name:

Birthdate: Gender: Male

Today's Date: Female

The MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development Inventory
Words and Sentences
For children between 19 and 30 months of age
Part I Words Children Use

A. Vocabulary Checklist
Children understand many more words than they say. We are particularly interested in the words your child SAYS and/or SIGNS. Please go through the list and mark the words you have heard/seen your child use. If your child uses a different pronunciation of a word (for example, "raffe" for "giraffe" or "sketti" for "spaghetti") mark the word anyway. Remember, that this is a "catalogue" of all the words that are used by many different children. Don't worry if your child knows only a few of these right now.

1. Sound Effects and Animal Sounds (12)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
baa baa	○	○	meow	○	○	uh oh	○	○
choo choo	○	○	moo	○	○	vroom	○	○
cockadoodledoo	○	○	ouch	○	○	woof woof	○	○
grrr	○	○	quack quack	○	○	yum yum	○	○

2. Animals (Real or Toy) (43)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
alligator	○	○	duck	○	○	penguin	○	○
animal	○	○	elephant	○	○	pig	○	○
ant	○	○	fish	○	○	pony	○	○
bear	○	○	frog	○	○	puppy	○	○
bee	○	○	giraffe	○	○	rooster	○	○
bird	○	○	goose	○	○	sheep	○	○
bug	○	○	hen	○	○	squirrel	○	○
bunny	○	○	horse	○	○	teddy bear	○	○
butterfly	○	○	kitty	○	○	tiger	○	○
cat	○	○	lamb	○	○	turkey	○	○
chicken	○	○	lion	○	○	turtle	○	○
cow	○	○	monkey	○	○	wolf	○	○
deer	○	○	moose	○	○	zebra	○	○
dog	○	○	mouse	○	○			
donkey	○	○	owl	○	○			

3. Vehicles (Real or Toy) (14)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
airplane	○	○	firetruck	○	○	tractor	○	○
bicycle	○	○	helicopter	○	○	train	○	○
boat	○	○	motorcycle	○	○	tricycle	○	○
bus	○	○	sled	○	○	truck	○	○
car	○	○	stroller	○	○			

4. Toys (18)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
ball	○	○	chalk	○	○	pencil	○	○
balloon	○	○	crayon	○	○	play dough	○	○
bat	○	○	doll	○	○	present	○	○
block	○	○	game	○	○	puzzle	○	○
book	○	○	glue	○	○	story	○	○
bubbles	○	○	pen	○	○	toy	○	○

5. Food and Drink (68)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
apple	O	O	food	O	O	pizza	O	O
applesauce	O	O	french fries	O	O	popcorn	O	O
banana	O	O	grapes	O	O	popsicle	O	O
beans	O	O	green beans	O	O	potato	O	O
bread	O	O	gum	O	O	potato chip	O	O
butter	O	O	hamburger	O	O	pretzel	O	O
cake	O	O	ice	O	O	pudding	O	O
candy	O	O	ice cream	O	O	pumpkin	O	O
carrots	O	O	jello	O	O	raisin	O	O
cereal/granola	O	O	jelly	O	O	salt	O	O
cheerios	O	O	juice	O	O	sandwich	O	O
cheese	O	O	lollipop	O	O	sauce	O	O
chicken	O	O	meat	O	O	soda/pop	O	O
chocolate	O	O	melon	O	O	soup	O	O
coffee	O	O	milk	O	O	spaghetti	O	O
coke	O	O	muffin	O	O	strawberry	O	O
cookie	O	O	noodles	O	O	toast	O	O
corn	O	O	nuts	O	O	tuna	O	O
cracker	O	O	orange	O	O	vanilla	O	O
donut	O	O	pancake	O	O	vitamins	O	O
drink	O	O	peanut butter	O	O	water	O	O
egg	O	O	peas	O	O	yogurt	O	O
fish	O	O	pickle	O	O			

6. Clothing (28)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
beads	O	O	jacket	O	O	slipper	O	O
belt	O	O	jeans	O	O	sneaker	O	O
bib	O	O	mittens	O	O	snowsuit	O	O
boots	O	O	necklace	O	O	sock	O	O
button	O	O	pajamas	O	O	sweater	O	O
coat	O	O	pants	O	O	tights	O	O
diaper	O	O	scarf	O	O	underpants	O	O
dress	O	O	shirt	O	O	zipper	O	O
gloves	O	O	shoe	O	O			
hat	O	O	shorts	O	O			

7. Body Parts (27)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
ankle	O	O	feet	O	O	nose	O	O
arm	O	O	finger	O	O	owie/boo boo	O	O
belly button	O	O	hair	O	O	penis*	O	O
buttocks/bottom*	O	O	hand	O	O	shoulder	O	O
cheek	O	O	head	O	O	tooth	O	O
chin	O	O	knee	O	O	toe	O	O
ear	O	O	leg	O	O	tongue	O	O
eye	O	O	lips	O	O	tummy	O	O
face	O	O	mouth	O	O	vagina*	O	O

* or word used in your family

8. Small Household Items (50)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
basket	O	O	glasses	O	O	plate	O	O
blanket	O	O	hammer	O	O	purse	O	O
bottle	O	O	jar	O	O	radio	O	O
box	O	O	keys	O	O	scissors	O	O
bowl	O	O	knife	O	O	soap	O	O
broom	O	O	lamp	O	O	spoon	O	O
brush	O	O	light	O	O	tape	O	O
bucket	O	O	medicine	O	O	phone/cellphone	O	O
camera	O	O	money	O	O	tissue/kleenex	O	O
can	O	O	mop	O	O	toothbrush	O	O
clock	O	O	nail	O	O	towel	O	O
comb	O	O	napkin	O	O	trash	O	O
cup	O	O	paper	O	O	tray	O	O
dish	O	O	penny/nickel/dime/quarter	O	O	vacuum	O	O
fork	O	O	picture	O	O	walker	O	O
garbage	O	O	pillow	O	O	watch	O	O
glass	O	O	plant	O	O			

9. Furniture and Rooms (33)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
basement	○	○	drawer	○	○	rocking chair	○	○
bathroom	○	○	dryer	○	○	room	○	○
bathtub	○	○	garage	○	○	shower	○	○
bed	○	○	high chair	○	○	sink	○	○
bedroom	○	○	kitchen	○	○	sofa	○	○
bench	○	○	living room	○	○	stairs	○	○
chair	○	○	oven	○	○	stove	○	○
closet	○	○	play pen	○	○	table	○	○
couch	○	○	porch	○	○	TV	○	○
crib	○	○	potty	○	○	washing machine	○	○
door	○	○	refrigerator	○	○	window	○	○

10. Outside Things (31)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
backyard	○	○	rain	○	○	star	○	○
cloud	○	○	rock	○	○	stick	○	○
flag	○	○	roof	○	○	stone	○	○
flower	○	○	sandbox	○	○	street	○	○
garden	○	○	shovel	○	○	sun	○	○
grass	○	○	sidewalk	○	○	swing	○	○
hose	○	○	sky	○	○	tree	○	○
ladder	○	○	slide	○	○	water	○	○
lawn mower	○	○	snow	○	○	wind	○	○
moon	○	○	snowman	○	○			
pool	○	○	sprinkler	○	○			

11. Places to Go (22)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
beach	○	○	home	○	○	school	○	○
camping	○	○	house	○	○	store	○	○
church*	○	○	movie	○	○	woods	○	○
circus	○	○	outside	○	○	work	○	○
country	○	○	park	○	○	yard	○	○
downtown	○	○	party	○	○	zoo	○	○
farm	○	○	picnic	○	○			
gas station	○	○	playground	○	○			

* or word used in your family

12. People (29)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
aunt*	○	○	doctor	○	○	nurse	○	○
baby	○	○	fire fighter/fireman	○	○	child's own name	○	○
babysitter	○	○	friend	○	○	people	○	○
babysitter's name	○	○	girl	○	○	person	○	○
boy	○	○	grandma*	○	○	pet's name	○	○
brother*	○	○	grandpa*	○	○	police	○	○
child	○	○	lady	○	○	sister*	○	○
clown	○	○	mail carrier/mailman	○	○	teacher	○	○
cowboy/cowgirl	○	○	man	○	○	uncle*	○	○
daddy*	○	○	mommy*	○	○			

* or word used in your family

13. Games and Routines (25)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
bath	○	○	hello	○	○	shopping	○	○
breakfast	○	○	lunch	○	○	snack	○	○
bye	○	○	nap	○	○	so big!	○	○
call (on phone)	○	○	night night	○	○	thank you	○	○
dinner	○	○	no	○	○	this little piggy	○	○
give me five!	○	○	patty cake	○	○	turn around	○	○
gonna get you!	○	○	peekaboo	○	○	yes	○	○
go potty	○	○	please	○	○			
hi	○	○	shh/shush/hush	○	○			

14. Action Words (103)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
bite	O	O	have	O	O	sing	O	O
blow	O	O	hear	O	O	sit	O	O
break	O	O	help	O	O	skate	O	O
bring	O	O	hide	O	O	sleep	O	O
build	O	O	hit	O	O	slide	O	O
bump	O	O	hold	O	O	smile	O	O
buy	O	O	hug	O	O	spill	O	O
carry	O	O	hurry	O	O	splash	O	O
catch	O	O	jump	O	O	stand	O	O
chase	O	O	kick	O	O	stay	O	O
clap	O	O	kiss	O	O	stop	O	O
clean	O	O	knock	O	O	sweep	O	O
climb	O	O	lick	O	O	swim	O	O
close	O	O	like	O	O	swing	O	O
cook	O	O	listen	O	O	take	O	O
cover	O	O	look	O	O	talk	O	O
cry	O	O	love	O	O	taste	O	O
cut	O	O	make	O	O	tear	O	O
dance	O	O	open	O	O	think	O	O
draw	O	O	paint	O	O	throw	O	O
drink	O	O	pick	O	O	tickle	O	O
drive	O	O	play	O	O	touch	O	O
drop	O	O	pour	O	O	wait	O	O
dry	O	O	pretend	O	O	wake	O	O
dump	O	O	pull	O	O	walk	O	O
eat	O	O	push	O	O	wash	O	O
fall	O	O	put	O	O	watch	O	O
feed	O	O	read	O	O	wipe	O	O
find	O	O	ride	O	O	wish	O	O
finish	O	O	rip	O	O	work	O	O
fit	O	O	run	O	O	write	O	O
fix	O	O	say	O	O			
get	O	O	see	O	O			
give	O	O	shake	O	O			
go	O	O	share	O	O			
hate	O	O	show	O	O			

15. Descriptive Words (63)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
allgone	○	○	full	○	○	orange	○	○
asleep	○	○	gentle	○	○	poor	○	○
awake	○	○	good	○	○	pretty	○	○
bad	○	○	green	○	○	quiet	○	○
better	○	○	happy	○	○	red	○	○
big	○	○	hard	○	○	sad	○	○
black	○	○	heavy	○	○	scared	○	○
blue	○	○	high	○	○	sick	○	○
broken	○	○	hot	○	○	sleepy	○	○
brown	○	○	hungry	○	○	slow	○	○
careful	○	○	hurt	○	○	soft	○	○
clean	○	○	last	○	○	sticky	○	○
cold	○	○	little	○	○	stuck	○	○
cute	○	○	long	○	○	thirsty	○	○
dark	○	○	loud	○	○	tiny	○	○
dirty	○	○	mad	○	○	tired	○	○
dry	○	○	naughty	○	○	wet	○	○
empty	○	○	new	○	○	white	○	○
fast	○	○	nice	○	○	windy	○	○
fine	○	○	noisy	○	○	yellow	○	○
first	○	○	old	○	○	yucky	○	○

16. Words About Time (12)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
after	○	○	morning	○	○	today	○	○
before	○	○	night	○	○	tomorrow	○	○
day	○	○	now	○	○	tonight	○	○
later	○	○	time	○	○	yesterday	○	○

17. Pronouns (25)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
he	○	○	my	○	○	this	○	○
her	○	○	myself	○	○	those	○	○
hers	○	○	our	○	○	us	○	○
him	○	○	she	○	○	we	○	○
his	○	○	that	○	○	you	○	○
I	○	○	their	○	○	your	○	○
it	○	○	them	○	○	yourself	○	○
me	○	○	these	○	○			
mine	○	○	they	○	○			

18. Question Words (7)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
how	○	○	where	○	○	why	○	○
what	○	○	which	○	○			
when	○	○	who	○	○			

19. Prepositions and Locations (26)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
about	○	○	down	○	○	on top of	○	○
above	○	○	for	○	○	out	○	○
around	○	○	here	○	○	over	○	○
at	○	○	inside/in	○	○	there	○	○
away	○	○	into	○	○	to	○	○
back	○	○	next to	○	○	under	○	○
behind	○	○	of	○	○	up	○	○
beside	○	○	off	○	○	with	○	○
by	○	○	on	○	○			

20. Quantifiers and Articles (17)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
a	○	○	each	○	○	other	○	○
all	○	○	every	○	○	same	○	○
a lot	○	○	more	○	○	some	○	○
an	○	○	much	○	○	the	○	○
another	○	○	not	○	○	too	○	○
any	○	○	none	○	○			

21. Helping Verbs (21)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
am	○	○	does	○	○	need/need to	○	○
are	○	○	don't	○	○	try/try to	○	○
be	○	○	gonna/going to	○	○	wanna/want to	○	○
can	○	○	gotta/got to	○	○	was	○	○
could	○	○	hafta/have to	○	○	were	○	○
did/did ya	○	○	is	○	○	will	○	○
do	○	○	lemme/let me	○	○	would	○	○

22. Connecting Words (6)

	says	signs		says	signs		says	signs
and	○	○	but	○	○	so	○	○
because	○	○	if	○	○	then	○	○

B. How Children Use Words

	Not Yet	Sometimes	Often
1. Does your child ever talk about past events or people who are not present? For example, a child who saw a parade last week might later say parade, clown, or band.	○	○	○
2. Does your child ever talk about something that's going to happen in the future, for example, saying "choo choo" or "airplane" before you leave the house for a trip or saying "swing" when you are going to the park?	○	○	○
3. Does your child talk about objects that are not present such as asking about a missing or absent toy, referring to a pet out of view, or asking about someone not present?	○	○	○
4. Does your child understand if you ask for something that is not in the room, for example, by going to the bedroom to get a teddy bear when you say "where's the bear?"	○	○	○
5. Does your child ever pick up or point to an object and name an absent person to whom the object belongs? For example, a child might point to mommy's shoe and say "mommy".	○	○	○

Part II Sentences and Grammar

A. Word Endings/Part I			
	Not Yet	**Sometimes**	**Often**
1. To talk about more than one thing, we add an "s" to many words. Examples include cars (for more than one car), shoes, dogs, and keys. Has your child begun to do this?	○	○	○
2. To talk about ownership, we add an "s", for example, Daddy's key, kitty's dish, and baby's bottle. Has your child begun to do this?	○	○	○
3. To talk about activities we sometimes add "ing" to verbs. Examples include looking, running, and crying. Has your child begun to do this?	○	○	○
4. To talk about things that happened in the past, we often add "ed" to the verb. Examples include kissed, opened, and pushed. Has your child begun to do this?	○	○	○

B. Word Forms					
Following are some other words children learn. Please mark any of these words that your child uses.					
Nouns					
children	○	men	○	teeth	○
feet	○	mice	○		
Verbs					
ate	○	fell	○	made	○
blew	○	flew	○	ran	○
bought	○	got	○	sat	○
broke	○	had	○	saw	○
came	○	heard	○	took	○
drank	○	held	○	went	○
drove	○	lost	○		

Has your child begun to combine words yet, such as "nother cracker", or "doggie bite?"

○ Not Yet   ○ Sometimes   ○ Often

If you answered "not yet," please stop here. If "sometimes" or "often," please continue.

D. Please list three of the longest sentences you have heard your child say or seen your child sign recently.
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____