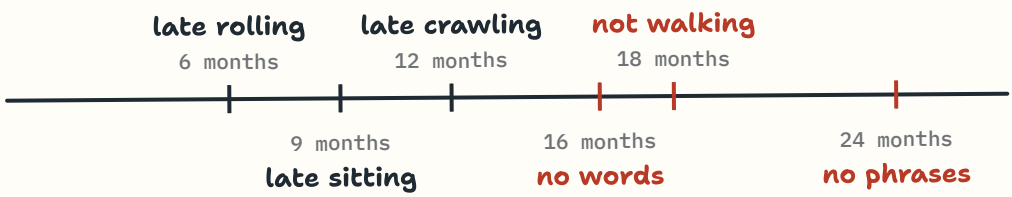
Developmental milestones

The ladder and the red flags



Step by step

1. Place the skill in its domain: gross motor, fine motor, language, social
2. Compare with the late edge of the range, not the average
3. Any loss of a skill is regression
4. Delay in 2 or more domains is global delay
5. Check hearing and vision early

Age	Anchor skills
2 months	Smiles, coos
6 months	Sits with support, single syllables
9 months	Crawls, pincer grasp, babbles
12 months	Stands alone, points, waves
18 months	Walks, 10 or more words
2 years	Kicks ball, 2 to 3 word phrases

The ladder

Rule of thumb

Smile and coo at 2 months, sit by 6 to 9, walk by 12 to 18, phrases by 2 years

Red flag = the late edge of the range

Screening tool at 9, 18 and 30 months

Exam traps

- Not walking at 10 months is not the same finding as not walking at 18 months.
- A milestone is not a deadline: healthy children vary.
- Regression is a red flag at any age.

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