

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY BABYLAB

Infant Communicative Development Inventory

A UK adaptation of the MacArthur CDI*



Dear Parent,

The following is a list of words that are typical in children's vocabularies.

For words that your child understands but does not yet say, place a mark in the first column, labelled "U".

	U	U/S
crocodile	λ	○

For words that your child understands and also says, place a mark in the second column, labelled "U/S".

	U	U/S
crocodile	○	λ

If your child uses a different pronunciation of a word (e.g., 'bickie' for biscuit, or 'telly' for television) - mark the word anyway.

Occasionally we list two alternative forms - please underline the one your child understands and/or produces.

	U	U/S
<u>pool</u> /pond	○	λ

Please fill in the whole circle exactly as shown above, do not just tick or partly fill the circle.

correct marking -	λ	incorrect markings	④ or ⊙
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This inventory is a comprehensive "catalogue" of words that are used by many different children across a wide age range, so do not worry if your child knows only a few of them at the moment!

If you have any additional comments or information that you think we should consider, please add these at the end of this inventory.

Thank you very much!

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Subject code

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Your name:

Child's name: Male/female:

Birth date of child:/...../..... Today's date:/...../.....

Animal sounds	U	U/S		U	U/S
baa baa	☐	☐	ouch	☐	☐
choo choo	☐	☐	quack	☐	☐
cockadoodledoo	☐	☐	uh oh	☐	☐
grr	☐	☐	vroom	☐	☐
meow	☐	☐	woof	☐	☐
moo	☐	☐	yum	☐	☐

Animals	U	U/S		U	U/S
animal	☐	☐	horse	☐	☐
bear	☐	☐	kitten	☐	☐
bee	☐	☐	lamb	☐	☐
bird	☐	☐	lion	☐	☐
bunny / rabbit	☐	☐	monkey	☐	☐
butterfly	☐	☐	mouse	☐	☐
cat	☐	☐	owl	☐	☐
chicken	☐	☐	penguin	☐	☐
cow	☐	☐	pig	☐	☐
deer	☐	☐	pony	☐	☐
dog	☐	☐	puppy	☐	☐
donkey	☐	☐	sheep	☐	☐
duck	☐	☐	spider	☐	☐
elephant	☐	☐	squirrel	☐	☐
fish	☐	☐	tiger	☐	☐
frog	☐	☐	turkey	☐	☐
giraffe	☐	☐	turtle	☐	☐
goose	☐	☐			

Vehicles	U	U/S		U	U/S
aeroplane / plane	☐	☐	bus	☐	☐
bicycle / bike	☐	☐	car	☐	☐
boat	☐	☐	fire engine	☐	☐
lorry / truck	☐	☐	pushchair	☐	☐
motor-bike	☐	☐	train	☐	☐
Toys	U	U/S		U	U/S
ball	☐	☐	doll	☐	☐

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balloon	☐	☐	pen	☐	☐
block / brick	☐	☐	teddy bear	☐	☐
book	☐	☐	toy	☐	☐
bubble	☐	☐			

Food and Drink	U	U/S		U	U/S
apple	☐	☐	food	☐	☐
banana	☐	☐	ice cream	☐	☐
biscuit	☐	☐	jam	☐	☐
bread	☐	☐	juice	☐	☐
butter	☐	☐	meat	☐	☐
cake	☐	☐	milk	☐	☐
carrot	☐	☐	orange	☐	☐
cereal	☐	☐	pasta / spaghetti	☐	☐
cheese	☐	☐	peas	☐	☐
chicken	☐	☐	pizza	☐	☐
chips	☐	☐	sweets	☐	☐
coffee	☐	☐	tea	☐	☐
drink	☐	☐	toast	☐	☐
egg	☐	☐	water	☐	☐
fish	☐	☐			

Body Parts	U	U/S		U	U/S
arm	☐	☐	hair	☐	☐
belly button / tummy button	☐	☐	hand	☐	☐
cheek	☐	☐	head	☐	☐
ear	☐	☐	knee	☐	☐
eye	☐	☐	leg	☐	☐
face	☐	☐	nail	☐	☐
finger	☐	☐	nose	☐	☐
foot	☐	☐	toe	☐	☐
tongue	☐	☐	tummy	☐	☐
tooth	☐	☐	mouth	☐	☐

Clothes	U	U/S		U	U/S
bib	☐	☐	dress	☐	☐
boot(s)	☐	☐	glasses / specs	☐	☐
button	☐	☐	hat	☐	☐
coat	☐	☐	jacket	☐	☐
jeans	☐	☐	shoe	☐	☐
jumper / sweater	☐	☐	shorts	☐	☐
nappy	☐	☐	sock	☐	☐
necklace	☐	☐	trousers	☐	☐
pyjamas	☐	☐	zip	☐	☐
shirt	☐	☐			

Furniture and Rooms	U	U/S		U	U/S
bath / bathtub	O	O	living room	O	O
bathroom	O	O	play pen	O	O
bed	O	O	potty	O	O
bedroom	O	O	refrigerator / fridge	O	O
chair	O	O	rocking chair	O	O
cooker / stove / oven	O	O	settee / sofa	O	O
cot	O	O	sink	O	O
door	O	O	stairs	O	O
drawer	O	O	table	O	O
garage	O	O	TV / television	O	O
high chair	O	O	window	O	O
kitchen	O	O			
Outside	U	U/S		U	U/S
beach	O	O	outside	O	O
bucket	O	O	park	O	O
church	O	O	party	O	O
flower	O	O	pool	O	O
garden	O	O	rain	O	O
house	O	O	school	O	O
moon	O	O	shop	O	O
sky	O	O	swing	O	O
slide	O	O	tree	O	O
snow	O	O	wall	O	O
spade	O	O	water	O	O
star	O	O	work	O	O
stone	O	O	zoo	O	O
sun	O	O			
Household items	U	U/S		U	U/S
bin	O	O	bowl	O	O
blanket	O	O	box	O	O
bottle	O	O	broom	O	O
brush	O	O	paper	O	O
clock	O	O	penny	O	O
comb	O	O	picture	O	O
cup	O	O	pillow	O	O
dish	O	O	plant	O	O
dummy	O	O	plate	O	O
fork	O	O	purse	O	O
glass	O	O	radio	O	O
hammer	O	O	rubbish	O	O
hoover / vacuum	O	O	scissors	O	O
jug	O	O	soap	O	O
key	O	O	spoon	O	O

lamp	O	O	telephone	O	O
light	O	O	toothbrush	O	O
medicine	O	O	towel	O	O
money	O	O	watch	O	O
mug	O	O			

People	U	U/S		U	U/S
aunt	O	O	girl	O	O
baby	O	O	grandma	O	O
boy	O	O	grandpa	O	O
brother	O	O	lady	O	O
child	O	O	man	O	O
daddy	O	O	mummy	O	O
doctor	O	O	nanny	O	O
friend	O	O	people	O	O
person	O	O	teacher	O	O
policeman	O	O	uncle	O	O
sister	O	O			

Games and Routines	U	U/S		U	U/S
bath	O	O	no	O	O
breakfast	O	O	pat-a-cake	O	O
bye bye	O	O	peekaboo	O	O
dinner	O	O	please	O	O
don't	O	O	shh / hush / shush	O	O
hello	O	O	tea	O	O
hi	O	O	thank you	O	O
lunch	O	O	wait	O	O
nap	O	O	want to	O	O
night night	O	O	yes	O	O

Action Words	U	U/S		U	U/S
bite	O	O	know	O	O
blow	O	O	like	O	O
break	O	O	look	O	O
bring	O	O	love	O	O
bump	O	O	make	O	O
call	O	O	open	O	O
carry	O	O	play	O	O
catch	O	O	pull	O	O
clean	O	O	push	O	O
cry	O	O	put	O	O
cuddle	O	O	read	O	O
cut	O	O	ride	O	O
dance	O	O	run	O	O
draw	O	O	say	O	O
drink	O	O	scratch	O	O

drive	☐	☐	see	☐	☐
drop	☐	☐	show	☐	☐
eat	☐	☐	shut / close	☐	☐
fall	☐	☐	sing	☐	☐
feed	☐	☐	sleep	☐	☐
find	☐	☐	smile	☐	☐
finish	☐	☐	splash	☐	☐
get	☐	☐	stop	☐	☐
give	☐	☐	swim	☐	☐
go	☐	☐	swing	☐	☐
have	☐	☐	take	☐	☐
hear	☐	☐	tell	☐	☐
help	☐	☐	throw	☐	☐
hit	☐	☐	tickle	☐	☐
hug	☐	☐	walk	☐	☐
hurry	☐	☐	wash	☐	☐
jump	☐	☐	watch	☐	☐
kick	☐	☐	wipe	☐	☐
kiss	☐	☐	write	☐	☐

Descriptive Words	U	U/S		U	U/S
all gone	☐	☐	clean	☐	☐
asleep	☐	☐	cold	☐	☐
bad	☐	☐	dark	☐	☐
big	☐	☐	dirty	☐	☐
blue	☐	☐	dry	☐	☐
broken	☐	☐	empty	☐	☐
careful	☐	☐	fast	☐	☐
fine	☐	☐	old	☐	☐
gentle	☐	☐	pretty	☐	☐
good	☐	☐	red	☐	☐
green	☐	☐	sad	☐	☐
happy	☐	☐	scared	☐	☐
hard	☐	☐	sick	☐	☐
hot	☐	☐	sleepy	☐	☐
hungry	☐	☐	soft	☐	☐
hurt	☐	☐	thirsty	☐	☐
little	☐	☐	tired	☐	☐
nasty	☐	☐	wet	☐	☐
naughty	☐	☐	yellow	☐	☐
nice	☐	☐			

Question words	U	U/S		U	U/S
how	☐	☐	where	☐	☐
what	☐	☐	who	☐	☐
when	☐	☐	why	☐	☐

Time	U	U/S		U	U/S
day	☐	☐	now	☐	☐
later	☐	☐	today	☐	☐
morning	☐	☐	tomorrow	☐	☐
night	☐	☐	tonight	☐	☐

Pronouns	U	U/S		U	U/S
her	☐	☐	my	☐	☐
his	☐	☐	that	☐	☐
I	☐	☐	this	☐	☐
it	☐	☐	you	☐	☐
me	☐	☐	your	☐	☐
mine	☐	☐			

Prepositions	U	U/S		U	U/S
away	☐	☐	on	☐	☐
back	☐	☐	out	☐	☐
down	☐	☐	there	☐	☐
in	☐	☐	under	☐	☐
inside	☐	☐	up	☐	☐
off	☐	☐			

Quantifiers	U	U/S		U	U/S
all	☐	☐	not	☐	☐
again	☐	☐	other	☐	☐
another	☐	☐	same	☐	☐
more	☐	☐	some	☐	☐
none	☐	☐			

Extra words	U	U/S		U	U/S
chase (action)	☐	☐		☐	☐
smell (action)	☐	☐		☐	☐
	☐	☐		☐	☐
	☐	☐		☐	☐
	☐	☐		☐	☐
	☐	☐		☐	☐

If you have any further comments, please write them below.

Thank you very much for your help!