MLU & Morpheme Checklist

1-word (12-24 mos)
50 nouns
20 verbs

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2-word MLU 2.0-2.5 (27-30 mos)
1. Ritual phrases: I do_____ my turn_____ no/yes_____ help me_____ all done_____ hi/bye_____ all gone_____
2. Agent + action, e.g. I eat, boy run Action + object, e.g. eat apple, wash hands
   Action + location, e.g. put in, go out Location + object – e.g. in box
   Possessive + object – e.g. my dog Recurrence + object/action – e.g. more car
   Morphemes: action + ing (19-28 mos) plural s (29-38 mos)
   Pronouns: I (12-26 mos) my, me, mine, you (27-30 mos)

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3-word MLU 2.5-3.0 (31-34 mos) MLU 3.0-3.75 (35-40 mos)
1. Agent + action + object – this is the first basic sentence pattern to teach – e.g. boy eating ice cream, girl catching ball, I eat cookie, I want ____ , I see dog
2. Agent +location + object – e.g. girl in house, dog on grass
3. Existence + attribute/possessive + object – e.g. That happy girl, This big dog, That my dog
4. Morphemes – possessive ‘s, I am (29-38 mos)
5. Pronouns – your, she, he yours, we, they, us, hers, his, her, them (31-40 mos)

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4 to 5-word MLU 3.75 – 4.5 (41-46 mos) MLU 4.5+ (47 mos+)
1. Agent + action + attribute + object – e.g., girl is catching blue ball
   Agent + action + location – e.g., boy sitting under the tree
2. Morphemes – is (e.g. girl is catching), reg/ irregular past, e.g. fell, articles, 3rd person s, e.g. he eats (43-46 mos) contractible is, e.g. it’s, 3rd person singular, e.g. she has (47-50 mos)
3. Pronouns – its, our, him, myself, yourself, ours, their, theirs (41-46 mos)