

Laureate's Guide to Selecting Appropriate Software

How to Use the Checklist

Begin by answering the questions on the Language Stage Checklist. A "Yes" answer means that a student has moved into the next stage. A "No" answer means you should consider software at that Language Functioning Stage. Even if the characteristics described in the stage do not seem to match your student's competencies, that stage is appropriate if your student exhibits all the characteristics in the previous stage.

Once you've determined a student's Language Functioning Stage, you can select individual programs from the Recommended Software list or purchase a Stage Package to receive multiple programs at a discount.

For further assistance in selecting appropriate software, please call 1-800-562-6801.



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The only Laureate program that is appropriate for students reading at or above the fourth grade level is *Swim, Swam, Swum: Mastering Irregular Verbs* (pg. 38).

Language Stage Checklist

1. Does the student demonstrate an understanding of "cause and effect?"

YES NO →

2. Does the student understand or use any words?

YES NO →

3. Is the student beginning to combine words?

YES NO →

4. Is the student spontaneously using short, simple sentences?

YES NO →

5. Are most of the student's sentences grammatically correct?

YES NO →

6. Is the student using complex sentences and beginning to read?

YES NO →

7. Does the student read on or above the fourth grade level?

YES NO →

Laureate's Linguistic Hierarchy: Seven Stages of Language Functioning

Stage 1	<p>Stage 1: Interpreted Communication Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (0 to +/-4 months)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No intention to communicate Cries, coos, and expressions are interpreted by caregiver Begins to focus on caregiver's speech 	<p>Training Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve visual and auditory attention Develop communicative turn-taking Establish intentional communication and cause & effect Provide linguistic stimulation 	<p>Recommended Programs</p> <p><i>Creature Antics</i>, PG. 15 <i>Creature Capers</i>, PG. 15 <i>Creature Features</i>, PG. 15</p>
Stage 2	<p>Stage 2: Intentional Communication Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (4 to +/-9 months)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expresses intent primarily through eye gaze Comprehension of words as abstract concepts is emerging Alternating gaze between an object and a caregiver is developing 	<p>Training Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve ability to signal intentionally Increase attention to words Develop symbolic comprehension 	<p>Recommended Programs</p> <p><i>Creature Chorus</i>, PG. 16 <i>First Words</i>, PG. 17 <i>First Verbs</i>, PG. 17</p>
Stage 3	<p>Stage 3: Single Words Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (9 to +/- 18 months)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehends object names as symbols of basic categories Understands verbs Uses single words in combination with gestures and the environment to communicate 	<p>Training Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase symbolic comprehension Develop core vocabulary Introduce word combinations 	<p>Recommended Programs</p> <p><i>Creature Magic</i>, PG. 16 <i>First Words</i>, PG. 17 <i>First Words II</i>, PG. 17 <i>First Verbs</i>, PG. 17 <i>Exploring Nouns & Exploring Verbs</i>, PG. 19 <i>The Talking Series</i>, PG. 21 <i>Simple Sentence Structure</i>, PG. 26</p>
Stage 4	<p>Stage 4: Word Combinations Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (18 to +/- 24 months)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehends a core vocabulary Uses two-word combinations Word combinations describe here-and-now environmental events 	<p>Training Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop simple sentence structures Foster language exploration and growth Continue vocabulary and category development 	<p>Recommended Programs</p> <p><i>Creature Cartoons</i>, PG. 16 <i>The Talking Series</i>, PG. 21 <i>First Categories</i>, PG. 22 <i>Simple Sentence Structure</i>, PG. 26 <i>LanguageLinks: Level 1</i>, PG. 27 <i>TalkTime with Tucker</i>, PG. 33</p>
Stage 5	<p>Stage 5: Early Syntax Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (24 to +/- 36 months)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses short, simple sentences Utterances lack grammatical refinement and complexity Comprehension goes beyond the here-and-now 	<p>Training Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve knowledge of grammar Expand sentence structures Enhance and expand vocabulary concepts 	<p>Recommended Programs</p> <p><i>Simple Sentence Structure</i>, PG. 26 <i>LanguageLinks: Levels 2-4</i>, PG. 27 <i>Prepositions!</i>, PG. 29 <i>Nouns & Sounds</i>, PG. 31 <i>Adjectives and Opposites</i>, PG. 34 <i>Words & Concepts Series</i>, PG. 35 <i>CONCENTRATE! On Words & Concepts</i>, PG. 36 <i>My House, My Town, My School</i>, PG. 37</p>
Stage 6	<p>Stage 6: Syntax Mastery Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (3 to +/- 5 years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses simple and complex sentences Masters most grammatical forms Limited comprehension of abstract relationships among words 	<p>Training Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase knowledge and use of advanced syntax structures Increase semantic knowledge Improve auditory processing Foster critical thinking 	<p>Recommended Programs</p> <p><i>LanguageLinks: Levels 5 & 6</i>, PG. 27 <i>Prepositions!</i>, PG. 29 <i>Pronoun Perspective</i>, PG. 30 <i>Nouns & Sounds</i>, PG. 31 <i>Following Directions Series</i>, PG. 32 <i>Tiger's Tale</i>, PG. 33 <i>Adjectives and Opposites</i>, PG. 34 <i>Words & Concepts Series</i>, PG. 35 <i>CONCENTRATE! On Words & Concepts</i>, PG. 36 <i>My House, My Town, My School</i>, PG. 37</p>
Stage 7	<p>Stage 7: Complete Generative Grammar Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (5 years and up)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows complete mastery of all grammatical forms Establishes ability to analyze and talk about language Develops reading/writing skills 	<p>Training Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop secondary language skills of reading & writing Provide advanced semantic training Enhance abstract concepts 	<p>Recommended Programs</p> <p><i>Following Directions Series</i>, PG. 32 <i>Tiger's Tale</i>, PG. 33 <i>Words & Concepts Series</i>, PG. 35 <i>CONCENTRATE! On Words & Concepts</i>, PG. 36 <i>Swim, Swam, Swum</i>, PG. 38 <i>Twenty Categories</i>, PG. 38 <i>The Sentence Master</i>, PG. 39</p>

Stage Packages

<p>Stage 1 Package SAVE \$64</p> <p>Programs included in this package:</p> <p><i>Creature Antics</i> <i>Creature Capers</i> <i>Creature Features</i></p>	<p>1-4 packages 992-A20 \$191 ea. 5-9 packages 992-30-A20 \$134 ea. 10-19 packages 992-40-A20 \$115 ea. 20-49 packages 992-50-A20 \$96 ea. 50+ packages Call for pricing. Network License 992-NW-A20 \$955</p>
<p>Stage 2 Package SAVE \$142</p> <p>Programs included in this package:</p> <p><i>Creature Chorus</i> <i>First Words</i> <i>First Verbs</i></p>	<p>1-4 packages 993-A20 \$423 ea. 5-9 packages 993-30-A20 \$296 ea. 10-19 packages 993-40-A20 \$254 ea. 20-49 packages 993-50-A20 \$212 ea. 50+ packages Call for pricing. Network License 993-NW-A20 \$2,115</p>
<p>Stage 3 Package SAVE \$282</p> <p>Programs included in this package:</p> <p><i>First Words</i> <i>First Words II</i> <i>First Verbs</i> <i>Exploring Nouns</i> <i>Exploring Verbs</i></p>	<p>1-4 packages 994-A20 \$843 ea. 5-9 packages 994-30-A20 \$590 ea. 10-19 packages 994-40-A20 \$506 ea. 20-49 packages 994-50-A20 \$422 ea. 50+ packages Call for pricing. Network License 994-NW-A20 \$4,215</p>
<p>Stage 4 Package SAVE \$267</p> <p>Programs included in this package:</p> <p><i>The Talking Series</i> <i>First Categories</i> <i>Simple Sentence Structure</i> <i>LanguageLinks: Level 1</i></p>	<p>1-4 packages 995-A20 \$798 ea. 5-9 packages 995-30-A20 \$559 ea. 10-19 packages 995-40-A20 \$479 ea. 20-49 packages 995-50-A20 \$399 ea. 50+ packages Call for pricing. Network License 995-NW-A20 \$3,990</p>
<p>Stage 5 Package SAVE \$437</p> <p>Programs included in this package:</p> <p><i>LanguageLinks: Levels 2-4</i> <i>Adjectives and Opposites</i> <i>Words & Concepts I, II, & III</i> <i>CONCENTRATE! On Words & Concepts I, II, & III</i></p>	<p>1-4 packages 996-A20 \$1,308 ea. 5-9 packages 996-30-A20 \$916 ea. 10-19 packages 996-40-A20 \$785 ea. 20-49 packages 996-50-A20 \$654 ea. 50+ packages Call for pricing. Network License 996-NW-A20 \$6,540</p>
<p>Stage 6 Package SAVE \$288</p> <p>Programs included in this package:</p> <p><i>LanguageLinks: Levels 5 & 6</i> <i>Nouns & Sounds</i> <i>Following Directions Series</i> <i>Tiger's Tale</i> <i>Prepositions!</i></p>	<p>1-4 packages 997-A20 \$862 ea. 5-9 packages 997-30-A20 \$603 ea. 10-19 packages 997-40-A20 \$517 ea. 20-49 packages 997-50-A20 \$431 ea. 50+ packages Call for pricing. Network License 997-NW-A20 \$4,310</p>
<p>Stage 7 Package SAVE \$367</p> <p>Programs included in this package:</p> <p><i>Following Directions: One and Two-Level Commands</i> <i>Swim, Swam, Swum</i> <i>Twenty Categories</i> <i>The Sentence Master: Levels 1 & 2</i></p>	<p>1-4 packages 998-A20 \$1,098 ea. 5-9 packages 998-30-A20 \$769 ea. 10-19 packages 998-40-A20 \$659 ea. 20-49 packages 998-50-A20 \$549 ea. 50+ packages Call for pricing. Network License 998-NW-A20 \$5,490</p>