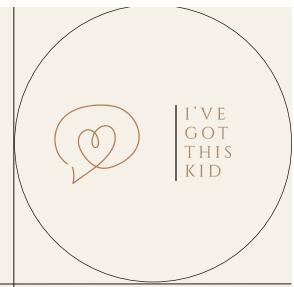


# Customizable Receptive Language Goal Template



***Fill-in-the-blank template using the 5-part formula***

## MASTER TEMPLATE

[Condition] + [Specific Behavior] + [Criterion] + [Context] + [Measurement Method]

Add the "When \_\_\_\_\_ [condition], child will \_\_\_\_\_ [specific behavior] within \_\_ seconds, \_\_ out of \_\_ times across \_\_ [time period], during \_\_\_\_\_ [context], measured by \_\_\_\_\_ [method]."  
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# BASIC TEMPLATE BY SKILL AREA

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## 1. *Object Identification Template*

Describe the extent of the project. This can include the duration, resources, "When presented with \_\_\_ [number] familiar objects and asked 'Where's the \_\_\_\_\_?' without pointing or eye gaze cues, child will \_\_\_\_\_ [touch/look at/point to] named object within \_\_\_ seconds, for \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ objects across \_\_\_ sessions, measured by \_\_\_\_\_ [parent checklist/video sample/provider observation]."

**Example filled in:** "When presented with 3 familiar objects and asked 'Where's the ball?' without pointing or eye gaze cues, child will touch named object within 5 seconds, for 8 out of 10 objects across 3 sessions, measured by parent checklist."

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## 2. *Following Directions Template*

"During \_\_\_\_\_ [routine/activity], when given \_\_\_ -step direction(s) about \_\_\_\_\_ without gestures or demonstrations, child will \_\_\_\_\_ [complete action/comply/respond] within \_\_\_ seconds, \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ opportunities with \_\_\_ % accuracy, via \_\_\_\_\_ [tracking method]."

**Example filled in:** "During mealtime, when given 1-step directions about eating without gestures or demonstrations, child will complete action within 10 seconds, 5 out of 7 opportunities with 70% accuracy, via mealtime compliance chart."

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## 3. *Person Identification Template*

"When \_\_\_\_\_ [familiar person/family member] is \_\_\_\_\_ [present/in photo/out of view] and their name/title is called, child will \_\_\_\_\_ [look at/point to/move toward] person within \_\_\_ seconds, for \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ people across \_\_\_ opportunities, per \_\_\_\_\_ [tracking form]."

**Example filled in:** "When familiar family member is present and their name is called, child will look at person within 3 seconds, for 3 out of 4 people across 5 opportunities, per family interaction log."

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## 4. *Body Part Identification Template*

"When asked 'Where's your/my \_\_\_\_\_?' during \_\_\_\_\_ [activity] without pointing, child will \_\_\_\_\_ [touch/point to/look at] \_\_\_\_\_ [own/other's] body part within \_\_\_ seconds, for \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ body parts, measured \_\_\_\_\_ [frequency]."

**Example filled in:** "When asked 'Where's your nose?' during dressing without pointing, child will touch own body part within 5 seconds, for 3 out of 5 body parts, measured weekly."

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5. <i>Action Word Response Template</i>	<p>"During _____ [play/activity], when adult says action word ('_____') without modeling, child will _____ [attempt/complete] action within __ seconds, for __ out of __ different actions."</p> <p><b>Example filled in:</b> "During play time, when adult says action word ('jump') without modeling, child will attempt action within 5 seconds, for 5 out of 8 different actions."</p>
6. <i>Picture Identification Template</i>	<p>"During _____ [book reading/picture activity], when asked '_____ [question format] without adult pointing, child will _____ [point to/touch] correct picture within __ seconds, for __ out of __ items across __ different _____ [books/activities]."</p>
7. <i>Spatial Concept Template</i>	<p>"When given direction with spatial term ('_____') during _____ [activity] without physical prompts, child will _____ [place/move/retrieve] object _____ [correctly] within __ seconds, __ out of __ concepts with __% accuracy."</p>
8. <i>Routine Comprehension Template</i>	<p>"When caregiver says routine word ('_____') during _____ [time of day] without _____ [gestures/moving toward area], child will show _____ [anticipatory behavior] within __ seconds, __ out of __ opportunities."</p> <p><b>Example filled in:</b> "When caregiver says routine word ('bath') during evening without moving toward bathroom, child will show anticipatory behavior within 5 seconds, 4 out of 5 opportunities."</p>

# TEMPLATES FOR OLDER TODDLERS

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9. Two-Step Direction Template "During \_\_\_\_\_ [activity], when given 2-step \_\_\_\_\_ [related/unrelated] direction ('\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_') without gestures, child will complete both steps within \_\_\_ seconds, \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ direction pairs with \_\_\_% accuracy."

**Example filled in:** "During clean-up, when given 2-step related direction ('Get the blocks and put them in the box') without gestures, child will complete both steps within 20 seconds, 4 out of 6 direction pairs with 70% accuracy."

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10. Category Identification Template "When asked to \_\_\_\_\_ [give/show/find] all the \_\_\_\_\_ [category] from \_\_\_\_\_ [array/group], child will select \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ correct items within \_\_\_ seconds, \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ categories with \_\_\_% accuracy, during \_\_\_\_\_."

**Example filled in:** "When asked to give all the animals from mixed toy array, child will select 3 out of 4 correct items within 20 seconds, 4 out of 6 categories with 70% accuracy, during categorization activities."

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11. Descriptor Comprehension Template "When asked for item with \_\_\_\_\_ [single/multiple] descriptor(s) ('\_\_\_\_\_') from array of \_\_, child will select correct item within \_\_\_ seconds, \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ requests with \_\_\_% accuracy, measured during \_\_\_\_\_."

**Example filled in:** "When asked for item with single descriptor ('soft one') from array of 3, child will select correct item within 8 seconds, 5 out of 8 requests with 60% accuracy, measured during sensory play."

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12. Question Comprehension Template "When asked \_\_\_\_\_ [WH-question type] questions about \_\_\_\_\_ [familiar situations/activities], child will \_\_\_\_\_ [respond appropriately] within \_\_\_ seconds, \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ questions with \_\_\_% accuracy across \_\_\_\_\_ contexts."

**Example filled in:** "When asked 'where' questions about familiar situations, child will respond appropriately within 10 seconds, 7 out of 10 questions with 70% accuracy across various contexts."

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# INSURANCE FRIENDLY TEMPLATE

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13. Medical Necessity Template "From baseline of \_\_\_\_\_ [current level], child will \_\_\_\_\_ [specific behavior] when \_\_\_\_\_ [condition] during \_\_\_\_\_ [functional context], measured by \_\_\_\_\_ [method], achieving \_\_\_\_\_ [criterion] within \_\_\_\_\_ [timeline] to increase functional communication for \_\_\_\_\_ [daily living skill]."

**Example filled in:** "From baseline of 0/10 routine words understood, child will look at named object when requested during daily activities, measured by parent checklist, achieving 8/10 accuracy within 90 days to increase functional communication for self-care activities."

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14. Progress Monitoring Template "Child will demonstrate receptive language growth from baseline of \_\_\_\_\_ % to \_\_\_\_\_ % accuracy for \_\_\_\_\_ [skill] as measured by \_\_\_\_\_ [tool/method] during \_\_\_\_\_ [context] across \_\_\_\_\_ week period, with data collected \_\_\_\_\_."

**Example filled in:** "Child will demonstrate receptive language growth from baseline of 20% to 70% accuracy for following 1-step directions as measured by standardized checklist during daily routines across 12 week period, with data collected weekly."

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# PARENT FRIENDLY TEMPLATE

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15. Simple YES/NO Template "Child will \_\_\_\_\_ [behavior] when I \_\_\_\_\_ [parent action] at least \_\_\_\_\_ times per day, \_\_\_\_\_ days per week. I will track: Did child do it? Yes or No"

**Example filled in:** "Child will look at me when I call their name at least 5 times per day, 5 days per week. I will track: Did child look? Yes or No"

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16. Counting Template "During \_\_\_\_\_ [routine], child will \_\_\_\_\_ [behavior] when I \_\_\_\_\_ [parent action]. I will count how many times out of \_\_\_\_\_ tries. Goal: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_."

**Example filled in:** "During meals, child will follow directions when I ask them to take a bite. I will count how many times out of 5 tries. Goal: 4 out of 5 by March 1st."

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# How to Use:

Step 1: Choose Your Template	Step 2: Fill in the Blanks	Step 3: Test with Parents	Step 4: Create Tracking Tool	Step 5: Review Monthly
Select the template that matches the skill you're targeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use specific, observable behaviors</li><li>• Set realistic criteria (usually 70-80%)</li><li>• Choose contexts the family already has</li><li>• Pick tracking methods parents can manage</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read goal aloud</li><li>• Ask: "Could you track this?"</li><li>• Simplify if they hesitate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Match the tracking tool to the goal</li><li>• Keep it simple</li><li>• Use checkboxes when possible</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check progress</li><li>• Adjust criteria if needed</li><li>• Celebrate success</li></ul>

# Quick Reference: Observable Behaviors

<i>Instead of “Understand”</i>	<i>Instead of “Know”</i>	<i>Instead of “Comprehend”</i>
<b>Use:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look at</li><li>• Touch</li><li>• Point to</li><li>• Turn toward</li><li>• Move toward</li><li>• Orient body to</li><li>• Pick up</li><li>• Give/hand to adult</li><li>• Push away</li><li>• Stop action</li></ul>	<b>Use:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify by pointing</li><li>• Select from choices</li><li>• Match to sample</li><li>• Sort into groups</li><li>• Respond to name</li><li>• Follow direction</li><li>• Complete action</li></ul>	<b>Use:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Respond within X seconds</li><li>• Complete requested action</li><li>• Select correct item</li><li>• Move to location</li><li>• Begin routine</li><li>• Show anticipation</li><li>• Change behavior when told</li></ul>



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