Oxford Communicative Development Inventory

A UK adaptation of the MacArthur-Bates CDI *

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

Filling out the Oxford CDI

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

	U	U/S
crocodile	●	○

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

	U	U/S
crocodile	○	●

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

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

	U	U/S
pool/pond	○	●

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

correct marking -   ●   incorrect markings - ⊘ or ⊙

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Your name: …………………………

Child's name: ………………………. Male/female: ……………….

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

Subject code

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

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

Vehicles	U	U/S		U	U/S
aeroplane / plane	O	O	bus	O	O
bicycle / bike	O	O	car	O	O
boat	O	O	fire engine	O	O
lorry / truck	O	O	pushchair/buggy	O	O
motor-bike	O	O	train	O	O

Toys

	U	U/S		U	U/S
ball	O	O	doll	O	O
balloon	O	O	pen	O	O
block / brick	O	O	teddy bear	O	O
book	O	O	toy	O	O
bubble	O	O			

Food and Drink

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

Body Parts

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

Clothes

	U	U/S		U	U/S
bib	O	O	dress	O	O
boot(s)	O	O	glasses / specs	O	O
button	O	O	hat	O	O
coat	O	O	jacket	O	O

Clothes	U	U/S		U	U/S
jeans	O	O	shoe	O	O
jumper / sweater	O	O	shorts	O	O
nappy	O	O	sock	O	O
necklace	O	O	trousers	O	O
pyjamas	O	O	zip	O	O
shirt	O	O			

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

Household items	U	U/S		U	U/S
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

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

Descriptive Words

Descriptive Words	U	U/S		U	U/S
all gone	O	O	clean	O	O
asleep	O	O	cold	O	O
bad	O	O	dark	O	O
big	O	O	dirty	O	O
blue	O	O	dry	O	O
broken	O	O	empty	O	O
careful	O	O	fast	O	O

Descriptive Words	U	U/S		U	U/S
fine	O	O	old	O	O
gentle	O	O	pretty	O	O
good	O	O	red	O	O
green	O	O	sad	O	O
happy	O	O	scared	O	O
hard	O	O	sick	O	O
hot	O	O	sleepy	O	O
hungry	O	O	soft	O	O
hurt	O	O	thirsty	O	O
little	O	O	tired	O	O
nasty	O	O	wet	O	O
naughty	O	O	yellow	O	O
nice	O	O			

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

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

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

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

Quantifiers

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

Extra words

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

Animals

Animals	U	U/S		U	U/S
ant	O	O	panda	O	O
camel	O	O	rabbit	O	O
caterpillar	O	O	seal	O	O
crab	O	O	snail	O	O
dolphin	O	O	swan	O	O
koala	O	O	worm	O	O
lizard	O	O	zebra	O	O
octopus	O	O			

Vehicles

Vehicles	U	U/S		U	U/S
ambulance	O	O	helicopter	O	O
crane	O	O	rocket	O	O
digger	O	O	tractor	O	O

Food

Food	U	U/S		U	U/S
beans	O	O	lemon	O	O
blackberry	O	O	lollipop	O	O
blueberry	O	O	marshmallow	O	O
cherry	O	O	melon	O	O
chocolate	O	O	pear	O	O
cookie	O	O	porridge	O	O
cracker	O	O	raisins	O	O
cucumber	O	O	sandwich	O	O
grape	O	O	strawberry	O	O
green beans	O	O	tomato	O	O
haribo	O	O			

Clothes	U	U/S			U	U/S
belt	O	O	tie		O	O
ribbon	O	O				

Furniture	U	U/S			U	U/S
curtains	O	O	shower		O	O
dryer	O	O	stove		O	O
microwave	O	O	washing machine		O	O

Household objects	U	U/S			U	U/S
backpack	O	O	peg		O	O
bag	O	O	photo		O	O
camera	O	O	phone		O	O
CD	O	O	printer		O	O
computer	O	O	remote		O	O
cushion	O	O	speakers		O	O
DVD	O	O	straw		O	O
handbag	O	O	tap		O	O
hanger	O	O	tissue		O	O
headphones	O	O	tote		O	O
iron	O	O	umbrella		O	O
keyboard	O	O	watering can		O	O
laptop	O	O	wipes		O	O
mouse	O	O				

Outside	U	U/S			U	U/S
acorn	O	O	road		O	O
dirt	O	O	spade		O	O
grass	O	O	stick		O	O
farm	O	O	stone		O	O
flag	O	O	stop (sign)		O	O
footpath	O	O	street		O	O
leaf	O	O	traffic lights		O	O
mud	O	O	walk (sign)		O	O
pebble	O	O	zebra crossing		O	O
puddle	O	O				

Adventures	U	U/S			U	U/S
alien	O	O	dinosaur		O	O
astronaut	O	O	dragon		O	O
clown	O	O	fairy		O	O

Adventures	U	U/S		U	U/S
ghost	O	O	pirate	O	O
monster	O	O	robot	O	O

Parts of animals	U	U/S		U	U/S
antler	O	O	nose	O	O
feather	O	O	scales	O	O
feet	O	O	shell	O	O
fin	O	O	snout	O	O
flipper	O	O	skin	O	O
fur	O	O	spots	O	O
horn	O	O	stripes	O	O
paw	O	O	wings	O	O

Parts of things	U	U/S		U	U/S
bonnet (vehicle)	O	O	switch	O	O
boot (vehicle)	O	O	wheel	O	O
handle	O	O		O	O

Online	U	U/S		U	U/S
e-mail	O	O	online	O	O
Facebook	O	O	Skype	O	O
Google	O	O	Youtube	O	O
Internet	O	O			

Additional Questions:

Does anyone speak to your child in a language other than English (if so, which language)?

Has your child ever had any hearing problems, including glue ear?

Was your child born more than six weeks premature?

Thank you for your help.
If you have any further comments, please write them below.