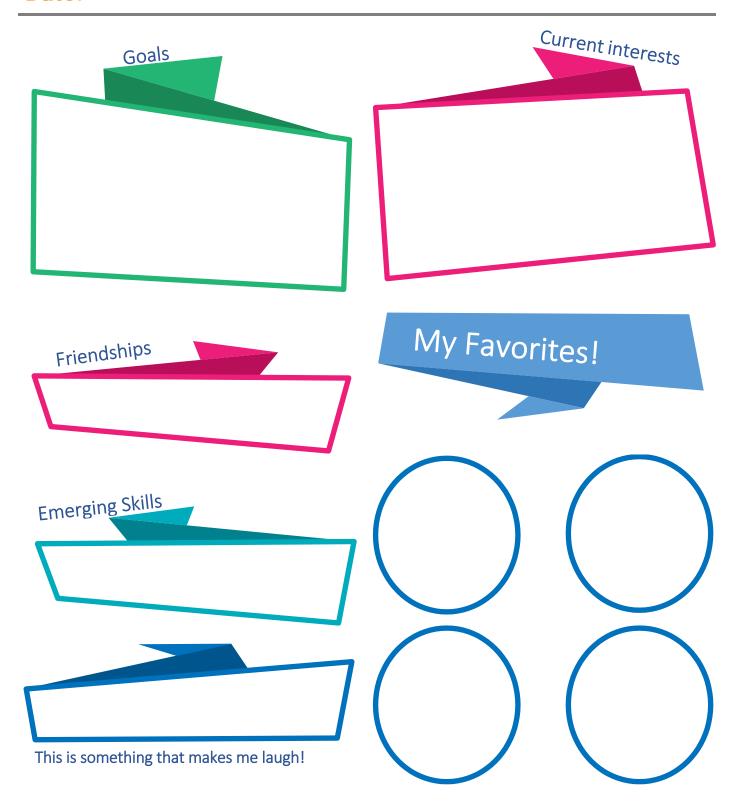
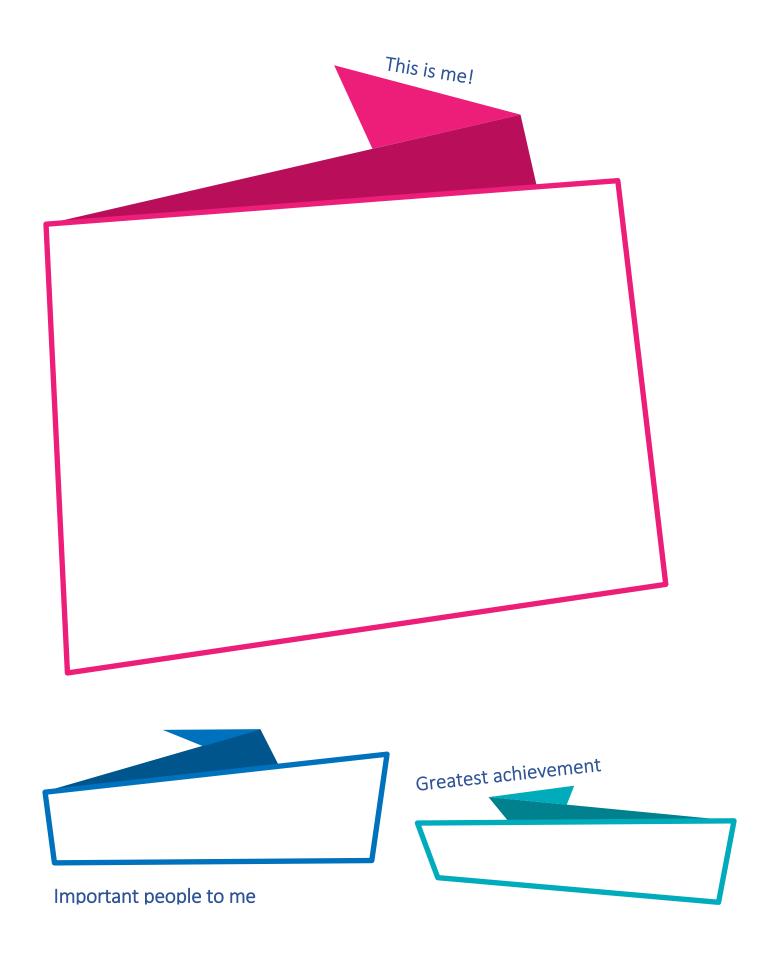


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Observations of developmental milestones help educators assess where each child is in terms of their physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development and are designed to recognise the things that children can accomplish. This information can guide Educators in tailoring their activities and interactions to support each child's individual needs and abilities. Educators should complete these assessments for each child every 6 months.

Developmental milestones and the EYLF/NQS **3 to 5 years**

DEVELOPMENTAL AREA	OBSERVE	EXAMPLES OF LINKS TO EYLF/NQS
Physical	 □ dresses and undresses with little help □ hops, jumps and runs with ease □ climbs steps with alternating feet □ gallops and skips by leading with one food □ transfers weight forward to throw ball □ attempts to catch ball with hands □ climbs playground equipment with increasing agility □ holds crayon/pencil etc. between thumb and first two fingers □ exhibits hand preference □ imitates variety of shapes in drawing, e.g. circles □ independently cuts paper with scissors □ toilet themselves □ feeds self with minimum spills □ dresses/undresses with minimal assistance □ walks and runs more smoothly □ enjoys learning simple rhythm and movement routines □ develops ability to toilet train at night 	"Promote continuity of children's personal health and hygiene by sharing ownership of routines and schedules with children, families and the community." (p.32) NQS: Areas 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
Social	 enjoys playing with other children may have a particular friend shares, smiles and cooperates with peers jointly manipulates objects with one or two other peers develops independence and social skills they will use for learning and getting on with others at preschool and school 	EYLF Outcome I: Children have a strong sense of identity - Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect. E.g." express a wide range of emotions, thoughts and views constructively." (p.24) NQS: Areas I, 5, 6
Emotional	 □ understands when someone is hurt and comforts them □ attains gender stability (sure she/he is a girl/boy) □ may show stronger preference for same-sex playmates □ may enforce gender-role norms with peers □ may show bouts of aggression with peers □ likes to give and receive affection from parents □ may praise themselves and be boastful 	that broaden children's perspectives and encourage appreciation of

Developmental milestones and the EYLF/NQS 3 to 5 years continued

DEVELOPMENTAL AREA	OBSERVE	EXAMPLES OF LINKS TO EYLF/NQS
Cognitive	 □ understands opposites (e.g. big/little) and positional words (middle, end) □ uses objects and materials to build or construct things, e.g. block tower, puzzle, clay, sand and water □ builds tower eight to ten blocks □ answers simple questions □ counts five to ten things □ has a longer attention span □ talks to self during play - to help guide what he/she does □ follows simple instructions □ follows simple rules and enjoys helping □ may write some numbers and letters □ engages in dramatic play, taking on pretend character roles □ recalls events correctly □ counts by rote, having memorised numbers touches objects to count - starting to understand relationship between numbers and objects □ can recount a recent story □ copies letters and may write some unprompted □ can match and name some colours 	effective communicators - Children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media. E.g. "use language and engage in play to imagine and create roles, scripts, and ideas." (p.42) NQS: Areas 1, 5
Language	speaks in sentences and use many different words answers simple questions asks many questions tells stories talks constantly enjoys talking and may like to experiment with new words uses adult forms of speech takes part in conversations enjoys jokes, rhymes and stories will assert self with words	effective communicators - Children use information and communication technologies to access information, investigate ideas and represent their thinking. E.g. "Provide children with access to a range of technologies." (p.44) NQS: Areas I, 5, 6, 7
Seek advice if:	 □ is not understood by others □ has speech fluency problems or stammering □ is not playing with other children □ is not able to have a conversation □ is not able to go to the toilet or wash him/herself 	NQS: Areas 1,5,6,7