

Marty's First Year

Meet Marty, a new Muppet starring in the storybooks at www.sesamestreet.org/stages. In each book, his big cousin Grover celebrates his special moments and developmental milestones. Here are just some of those milestones from Book One. Keep in mind that each child develops at his or her own pace and that your child's development may look different from Marty's—and that's okay! Share questions or concerns about your little one's health and development with his doctor. And share these stories with your little one as you take pride in her growth!



At 2 months, Marty is:

- beginning to smile at people.
- cooing and making gurgling sounds.
- responding to and turning towards sounds.
- beginning to follow things with his eyes, paying attention to faces, and recognizing others.



At 4 months, Marty is:

- making babbling noises.
- holding a toy and shaking it.



At 6 months, Marty is:

- loving to look in the mirror at his reflection.
- acting happy, and making sounds and squealing to show joy.
- responding to others' emotions.
- standing and supporting weight on his legs while holding onto something sturdy for support.



At 9 months, Marty is:

- crawling.
- pointing to things he is interested in.
- copying the gestures of others.



At 12 months (one year), Marty is:

- saying a few simple words like Mama and Dada.
- acting shy or nervous around strangers.

Marty's Second Year

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At 12 months (one year), Marty is:

- taking a few steps without holding on.

At 18 months (1.5 years), Marty is:

- saying several simple words.

At 24 months (two years), Marty is:

- naming items in a familiar picture book, such as “cat,” “dog,” or “monster!”



At 12 months (one year), Marty is:

- playing games such as Peek-a-Boo.
- beginning to use things how they are intended to be used (such as drinking out of a sippy cup).
- banging things together.



At 18 months (1.5 years), Marty is:

- walking and running.
- scribbling.
- understanding what ordinary things should be used for (such as brushes to brush hair).
- having some temper tantrums because he is frustrated that he can't yet fully express his feelings and wants with words.



At 18 months (1.5 years), Marty is:

- still afraid of strangers and experiencing separation anxiety by clinging to his parent.
- saying and shaking his head “no” to express dislike.
- a little more open to trying new things.



At 24 months (two years), Marty is:

- trying out ways to behave by copying others, especially adults and other children.
- following simple (two-step) instructions.
- able to point to and say the names of body parts.
- more steady on his feet and able to stand on his tiptoes.

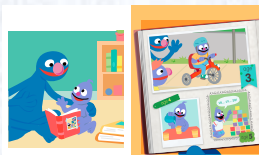


At 24 months (two years), Marty is:

- sorting shapes and colors.
- throwing and kicking a ball.

Marty Grows Up

Meet Marty, a new Muppet starring in the storybooks at www.sesamestreet.org/stages. In each book, his big cousin Grover celebrates his special moments and developmental milestones. Here are just some of those milestones from Book 3. Keep in mind that each child develops at his or her own pace and that your child's development may look different from Marty's—and that's okay! Share questions or concerns about your little one's health and development with his doctor. And share these stories with your little one as you take pride in her growth!



At 3 years old, Marty is:

- able to ride a tricycle.

At 4 years old, Marty is:

- pouring.

At 5 years old, Marty is:

- counting ten or more things.



At 3 years old, Marty is:

- climbing well.
- running easily.
- showing concern for a friend in need and trying to help.
- able to take turns in games.
- showing affection for friends on his own without being told to.



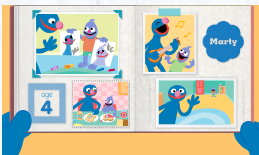
At 3 years old, Marty is:

- building towers of more than six blocks.
- playing make-believe by interacting with objects as though they were real.
- saying such words as "me" and understanding that he is talking about himself.



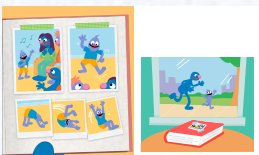
At 4 years old, Marty is:

- playing make-believe by pretending he is another person, such as mom, dad, a teacher, or a bus driver.
- beginning to cooperate with other children during play.
- making up stories.
- able to hop and stand on one foot.



At 4 years old, Marty is:

- singing simple, familiar songs from memory.
- understanding the concept of opposites, such as "near" and "far."



At 5 years old, Marty is:

- singing, dancing, and loving the attention from others as he does!
- speaking very clearly in full sentences.
- saying his full name.
- tumbling.