

# 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.**



Order Online [www.LaureateLearning.com](http://www.LaureateLearning.com)

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

## Language Stage Checklist

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

YES  NO →  
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2. Does the student understand or use any words?

YES  NO →  
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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:

### Stage 1

#### Stage 1: Interpreted Communication

Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (0 to +/-4 months)

- No intention to communicate
- Cries, coos, and expressions are interpreted by caregiver
- Begins to focus on caregiver's speech

### Stage 2

#### Stage 2: Intentional Communication

Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (4 to +/-9 months)

- Expresses intent primarily through eye gaze
- Comprehension of words as abstract concepts is emerging
- Alternating gaze between an object and a caregiver is developing

### Stage 3

#### Stage 3: Single Words

Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (9 to +/- 18 months)

- Comprehends object names as symbols of basic categories
- Understands verbs
- Uses single words in combination with gestures and the environment to communicate

### Stage 4

#### Stage 4: Word Combinations

Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (18 to +/- 24 months)

- Comprehends a core vocabulary
- Uses two-word combinations
- Word combinations describe here-and-now environmental events

### Stage 5

#### Stage 5: Early Syntax

Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (24 to +/- 36 months)

- Uses short, simple sentences
- Utterances lack grammatical refinement and complexity
- Comprehension goes beyond the here-and-now

### Stage 6

#### Stage 6: Syntax Mastery

Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (3 to +/- 5 years)

- Uses simple and complex sentences
- Masters most grammatical forms
- Limited comprehension of abstract relationships among words

### Stage 7

#### Stage 7: Complete Generative Grammar

Typically Developing Language Acquisition Age (5 years and up)

- Shows complete mastery of all grammatical forms
- Establishes ability to analyze and talk about language
- Develops reading/writing skills

## Seven Stages of Language Functioning

### Training Goals

- Improve visual and auditory attention
- Develop communicative turn-taking
- Establish intentional communication and cause & effect
- Provide linguistic stimulation

### Recommended Programs

*Creature Antics*, PG. 15  
*Creature Capers*, PG. 15  
*Creature Features*, PG. 15

### Training Goals

- Improve ability to signal intentionally
- Increase attention to words
- Develop symbolic comprehension

### Recommended Programs

*Creature Chorus*, PG. 16  
*First Words*, PG. 17  
*First Verbs*, PG. 17

### Training Goals

- Increase symbolic comprehension
- Develop core vocabulary
- Introduce word combinations

### Recommended Programs

*Creature Magic*, PG. 16  
*First Words*, PG. 17  
*First Words II*, PG. 17  
*First Verbs*, PG. 17  
*Exploring Nouns & Exploring Verbs*, PG. 19  
*The Talking Series*, PG. 20  
*Simple Sentence Structure*, PG. 23

### Training Goals

- Develop simple sentence structures
- Foster language exploration and growth
- Continue vocabulary and category development

### Recommended Programs

*Creature Cartoons*, PG. 16  
*The Talking Series*, PG. 20  
*First Categories*, PG. 21  
*Simple Sentence Structure*, PG. 23  
*LanguageLinks: Level 1*, PG. 25  
*TalkTime with Tucker*, PG. 33

### Training Goals

- Improve knowledge of grammar
- Expand sentence structures
- Enhance and expand vocabulary concepts

### Recommended Programs

*Simple Sentence Structure*, PG. 23  
*LanguageLinks: Levels 2-4*, PG. 25  
*Prepositions!*, PG. 27  
*Nouns & Sounds*, PG. 31  
*Adjectives and Opposites*, PG. 34  
*Words & Concepts Series*, PG. 35  
*CONCENTRATE! On Words & Concepts*, PG. 36  
*My House, My Town, My School*, PG. 37

### Training Goals

- Increase knowledge and use of advanced syntax structures
- Increase semantic knowledge
- Improve auditory processing
- Foster critical thinking

### Recommended Programs

*LanguageLinks: Levels 5 & 6*, PG. 25  
*Prepositions!*, PG. 27  
*Pronoun Perspective*, PG. 28  
*Nouns & Sounds*, PG. 31  
*Following Directions Series*, PG. 32  
*Tiger's Tale*, PG. 33  
*Adjectives and Opposites*, PG. 34  
*Words & Concepts Series*, PG. 35  
*CONCENTRATE! On Words & Concepts*, PG. 36  
*My House, My Town, My School*, PG. 37

### Training Goals

- Develop secondary language skills of reading & writing
- Provide advanced semantic training
- Enhance abstract concepts

### Recommended Programs

*Following Directions Series*, PG. 32  
*Tiger's Tale*, PG. 33  
*Words & Concepts Series*, PG. 35  
*CONCENTRATE! On Words & Concepts*, PG. 36  
*Swim, Swam, Swum*, PG. 38  
*Twenty Categories*, PG. 38  
*The Sentence Master*, PG. 39

## Stage Packages

### Stage 1 Package **SAVE \$64**

Programs included in this package:

*Creature Antics*  
*Creature Capers*  
*Creature Features*

1-4 packages	992-A26	\$191 ea.
5-9 packages	992-30-A26	\$134 ea.
10-19 packages	992-40-A26	\$115 ea.
20-49 packages	992-50-A26	\$96 ea.
50+ packages	Call for pricing.	
Network License	992-NW-A26	\$955

### Stage 2 Package **SAVE \$142**

Programs included in this package:

*Creature Chorus*  
*First Words*  
*First Verbs*

1-4 packages	993-A26	\$423 ea.
5-9 packages	993-30-A26	\$296 ea.
10-19 packages	993-40-A26	\$254 ea.
20-49 packages	993-50-A26	\$212 ea.
50+ packages	Call for pricing.	
Network License	993-NW-A26	\$2,115

### Stage 3 Package **SAVE \$282**

Programs included in this package:

*First Words*  
*First Words II*  
*First Verbs*  
*Exploring Nouns*  
*Exploring Verbs*

1-4 packages	994-A26	\$843 ea.
5-9 packages	994-30-A26	\$590 ea.
10-19 packages	994-40-A26	\$506 ea.
20-49 packages	994-50-A26	\$422 ea.
50+ packages	Call for pricing.	
Network License	994-NW-A26	\$4,215

### Stage 4 Package **SAVE \$267**

Programs included in this package:

*The Talking Series*  
*First Categories*  
*Simple Sentence Structure*  
*LanguageLinks: Level 1*

1-4 packages	995-A26	\$798 ea.
5-9 packages	995-30-A26	\$559 ea.
10-19 packages	995-40-A26	\$479 ea.
20-49 packages	995-50-A26	\$399 ea.
50+ packages	Call for pricing.	
Network License	995-NW-A26	\$3,990

### Stage 5 Package **SAVE \$403**

Programs included in this package:

*LanguageLinks: Levels 2-4*  
*Adjectives and Opposites*  
*Words & Concepts I, II, & III*  
*Prepositions!*

1-4 packages	996-A26	\$1,207 ea.
5-9 packages	996-30-A26	\$845 ea.
10-19 packages	996-40-A26	\$724 ea.
20-49 packages	996-50-A26	\$604 ea.
50+ packages	Call for pricing.	
Network License	996-NW-A26	\$6,035

### Stage 6 Package **SAVE \$288**

Programs included in this package:

*LanguageLinks: Levels 5 & 6*  
*Nouns & Sounds*  
*Following Directions Series*  
*Tiger's Tale*  
*Pronoun Perspective*

1-4 packages	997-A26	\$862 ea.
5-9 packages	997-30-A26	\$603 ea.
10-19 packages	997-40-A26	\$517 ea.
20-49 packages	997-50-A26	\$431 ea.
50+ packages	Call for pricing.	
Network License	997-NW-A26	\$4,310

### Stage 7 Package **SAVE \$367**

Programs included in this package:

*Following Directions: One and Two-Level Commands*  
*Swim, Swam, Swum*  
*Twenty Categories*  
*The Sentence Master: Levels 1 & 2*

1-4 packages	998-A26	\$1,098 ea.
5-9 packages	998-30-A26	\$769 ea.
10-19 packages	998-40-A26	\$659 ea.
20-49 packages	998-50-A26	\$549 ea.
50+ packages	Call for pricing.	
Network License	998-NW-A26	\$5,490