

Summary of School-Age Development Of Language Form: Syntax

AGE IN YEARS	SYNTAX
5	Produces short passive with <i>lost</i> , <i>left</i> and <i>broken</i> Example: "The dog that was lost is back."
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands commands, <i>-man</i> and <i>-er</i> suffix • Uses many plural nouns
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehends <i>because</i> • Follows adult adjective use
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most use full passives • Uses <i>-er</i> suffix to mark the initiator of an action (e.g. teacher) • Is able to judge grammatical correctness
9	Comprehends and uses <i>tell</i> and <i>promise</i>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehends and uses <i>ask</i> • Comprehends <i>because</i> • Uses pronouns • Understands the difference between <i>definitely</i>, <i>probably</i> and <i>possibly</i>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehends <i>if</i> and <i>though</i> • Creates <i>much</i> with mass nouns • Uses <i>-er</i> for instrument (eraser)