Expressive Language Chart			
Grammatical Structure		**Developmental Norm**	**Therapy Indicated If Not Acquired By:**
Nouns	Plurals (e.g., two cookie***s*** or two watch***es***)	2 - 2 ½ years	3 ½ years
	Possessives (e.g., girl***'s*** washroom)	2 - 2 ½ years	3 ½ years
Verbs	Present progressive (ing) (e.g., She is wash***ing***)	2 ½ - 3 years	3 ½ years
	Present singular (-s) (e.g., She wash***es*** the dishes OR She eat***s*** a lot)	2 ½ - 3 years	4 years
	Aux/copula (is/are) - uncontracted (e.g., She ***is*** washing OR They ***are*** hungry)	2 ½ - 3 years	3 ½ years
	Aux/copula - contracted (proper use of apostrophes) (e.g., **He's** tired or **She's** eating cookies)	2 ½ - 3 years	4 years
	Regular past tense (e.g., She wash***ed*** the dishes)	2 ½ - 3 years	4 ½ years
	Irregular past tense (e.g., She ***wrote*** a letter)	3 ½ - 4 years	5 years
	Future tense (e.g., She ***is going to*** write a letter OR She ***will*** write a letter)	3 - 3 ½ years	5 years
Pronouns	First person (I, me, you) (e.g., I want ***you***)	2 - 2 ½ years	3 years
	Gender (he, she, they) (e.g., ***She*** is happy)	2 ½ - 3 years	4 years
	Possessive (his, hers, theirs) (e.g., That's ***his*** dog)	3 ½ - 4 years	4 ½ years
	Object (him, her, them) (e.g., Go and see ***him***)	3 - 4 years	4 ½ years
Negatives		2 ½ - 3 years	3 ½ years
Questions	N-v inversion (e.g., ***Are you*** coming?)	3 ½ - 4 years	4 ½ years
	Wh? (e.g., ***When*** are you going?)	3 ½ - 4 years	4 ½ years
Prepositions	In, on, under (e.g., The dog put his bones ***under*** the table and ***in*** my shoe.)	2 ½ - 3 years	3 ½ years
	Behind, infront, beside, between (e.g., It's ***beside*** you ***between*** the two chairs)	3 ½ - 4 years	4 ½ years