



## Kindergarten Readiness: A Checklist

Depending on where you live, Kindergarten in traditional schools in Australia tends to start when your child is 5 years old. For homeschoolers, registration for your Foundation Year generally needs to be in place by the time they turn 6 years old. Some parents trying to gauge whether their child is ready for start Kindergarten may find the following checklist helpful:

- Looks at picture books on their own
- Reads signs and labels in everyday life
- Recognises upper and lower case letters
- Can recognise own name
- Tries to write, draw or scribble
- Tries to write own name and those in their family
- Writes notes of their own, or asks for assistance to do so
- Speak in sentences that include at least two ideas
- Is curious and asks questions
- Tells and retells stories, relating them to personal experiences
- Compares the size and weight of objects ("smaller", "bigger", "lighter", "heavier")
- Can identify numbers between 0 and 10
- Can count up to ten physical objects (Note: objects, not pictures of objects)
- Notices common plants and animals in their local area
- Can identify and name animals (in books)
- Can identify and name colours
- Can identify, name and draw a square, circle and triangle
- Can clap to the beat of a song played
- Can remember nursery rhymes and basic songs
- Understands there are traditions throughout the year, like birthdays
- Appreciates that there are different traditions through the world
- Can cut with scissors
- Can ride a tricycle
- Tries to tie up own shoes
- Able to throw, kick and catch a medium sized ball
- Able to do jigsaw puzzles with at least 30 pieces
- Can build with blocks
- Can follow simple directions
- Can complete a short task
- Able to take responsibility for own belongings
- Able to ask for help and assistance