



Normal Speech Sound Development

Child's age	Sound development
2 years of age	Your child should be starting to use most vowel sounds and a variety of consonant sounds: <i>m, n, p, b, k, g, h, w, t, d</i> . It is normal for your child's speech to not be understood by all listeners at this stage.
3 years of age	Your child should be developing the speech sounds: <i>ng and y</i> . Your child's speech is not 100% clear at this age, which is not a cause for concern they may leave ends off words or substitute some sounds for others. They will often find blend consonant sounds difficult to produce (e.g. <i>sp/ tr</i>)
5 years of age	Your child may still have some difficulty with the speech sounds <i>s, r, l</i> and <i>th</i> . However, your child should have emerging development of these sounds: <i>z, r, j, ch and s</i>
6 years of age	Your child should be starting to develop their <i>v</i> sound and consonant blends e.g. <i>sl, sp, st, bl, tr, br</i>
8 years of age	Your child should have now developed all of their speech sounds including <i>th voiceless (e.g. thing) and th voiced (e.g. that)</i>