

Speech Sound Development

This chart outlines the sounds a child will be learning around certain ages, examples of words containing those sounds and the most common errors they make.

| STAGE (AGE) | SOUND | EXAMPLES | | | COMMON ERRORS HEARD | |
|------------------------|---|------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | | Initial position | Middle position | Final position | Substitution Used | Example |
| STAGE 1 (3 years) | m | <u>m</u> ine | ham <u>m</u> er | ar <u>m</u> | | |
| | n | <u>n</u> o | h <u>o</u> ney | ma <u>n</u> | | |
| | h | <u>h</u> air | | | | |
| | p | <u>p</u> ear | happ <u>y</u> | cup <u>p</u> | b | Pear becomes bear |
| | ng | | finger | ring | | |
| | w | <u>w</u> alk | flow <u>er</u> | | r/y | White becomes right |
| | d | <u>d</u> og | ladd <u>er</u> | mu <u>d</u> | t | Dog becomes tog |
| | t | <u>t</u> ap | butter | si <u>t</u> | | |
| | y | <u>y</u> es | yoy <u>o</u> | | l | Yes becomes les |
| | b | <u>b</u> ig | bab <u>y</u> | club | | |
| g | <u>g</u> o | tiger | egg | d | Get becomes det | |
| k | <u>k</u> ar | pock <u>e</u> t | loo <u>k</u> | t/d | Car becomes tar | |
| STAGE 2 (3 ½ years) | f | <u>f</u> ire | teleph <u>o</u> ne | roug <u>h</u> | p/t | Four becomes pour |
| STAGE 3 (4 years) | l | <u>l</u> izard | yellow | ball | y | Light becomes yight |
| | sh | <u>sh</u> ip | pushing | fish | t/s | Shop becomes top |
| | ch | <u>ch</u> air | kitch <u>en</u> | catch | t/s | Chair becomes tair |
| STAGE 4 (4 ½ years) | s | <u>s</u> oap | rac <u>ing</u> | grass | t/d | Sun becomes tun |
| | z | <u>z</u> ebra | sciss <u>ors</u> | nose | d | Zip becomes dip |
| | j | <u>j</u> ump | sold <u>ier</u> | bridg <u>e</u> | d | Jump becomes dump |
| STAGE 5 (5 years) | r | <u>r</u> abbit | or <u>an</u> ge | | w | Rain becomes wain |
| STAGE 6 (6 years) | v | <u>v</u> an | seven | stov <u>e</u> | b/d | Van becomes ban |
| | consonant blends (i.e. 2 or more consonants together) | <u>s</u> plash | basket | ask | | |
| | | <u>t</u> ree | libr <u>ar</u> y | | | |
| | | <u>b</u> lue | aeropl <u>an</u> e | | | |
| STAGE 7 (8 years) | th (voiced) | <u>th</u> is | broth <u>er</u> | with | v | Brother becomes brover |
| STAGE 8 (8 ½ years) | th (voiceless) | <u>th</u> umb | noth <u>ing</u> | mouth | f/d | Thin becomes fin |