

Please note, this chart is only a guide and progress will vary from child to child

Age (approximately)	Sounds Used in Words	Description of Speech	Consider Referral
9 months- 2 years	p, b, m, n t, d	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sounds at the ends of words missed off e.g. "ca" for "cat." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No babble or single words
2-3 years	p, b, m, n t, d k, g ng (as in "wing.") f, s w, y, h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May still be missing sounds at the ends of words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few or no words understood by close family.
3- 3 ½ years	p, b, m, n t, d k, g ng (as in "wing.") f, s w, y, h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be producing sounds at the ends of words, but may not be using adult sounds e.g. "tat" for "cat." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speech is difficult for family to understand most of the time.
3 ½ - 4 years	p, b, m, n t, d k, g ng (as in "wing.") f, s, z, sh, v w, y, h, l ch, j	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sound blends may be reduced e.g. "seet" for "sweet." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is mainly unintelligible to others. Never uses sounds- f, v, s, sh. "k" and "g" used for many other consonant sounds. Final sounds in words missing e.g. "ca" for "cat."
4- 5 years	p, b, m, n t, d k, g ng (as in "wing.") f, s, z, sh, v, th w, y, h, l, r ch, j	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May continue to have difficulty with "th" and "r" e.g. "fumb" for "thumb" & "wabbit" for "rabbit." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is unintelligible to others much of the time. Sounds t, d, k, g, f, s not yet used correctly.
5 years onwards	All sounds used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most speech sounds used in words but some minor errors may still occur. Errors should not greatly affect intelligibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is unintelligible/difficult to understand. Uses sounds not usually heard in English.

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