

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>mine</u>	hammer	arm		
	n	<u>no</u>	hone <u>y</u>	ma <u>n</u>		
	h	<u>hair</u>				
	p	<u>pear</u>	happy	cup	b	Pear becomes bear
	ng		finger	ring		
	w	<u>walk</u>	flower		r/y	White becomes right
	d	<u>dog</u>	ladder	mud	t	Dog becomes tog
	t	<u>tap</u>	butter	sit		
	y	<u>yes</u>	yoyo		l	Yes becomes les
	b	<u>big</u>	baby	club		
g	<u>go</u>	tiger	egg	d	Get becomes det	
k	<u>car</u>	pocket	look	t/d	Car becomes tar	
STAGE 2 (3 ½ years)	f	<u>fire</u>	tele <u>phone</u>	rou <u>gh</u>	p/t	Four becomes pour
STAGE 3 (4 years)	l	lizard	yellow	ball	y	Light becomes yight
	sh	<u>ship</u>	pushing	fish	t/s	Shop becomes top
	ch	<u>chair</u>	kitchen	catch	t/s	Chair becomes tair
STAGE 4 (4 ½ years)	s	<u>soap</u>	racing	grass	t/d	Sun becomes tun
	z	<u>zebra</u>	scissors	nose	d	Zip becomes dip
	j	<u>jump</u>	soldier	bridge	d	Jump becomes dump
STAGE 5 (5 years)	r	<u>rabbit</u>	orange		w	Rain becomes wain
STAGE 6 (6 years)	v	<u>van</u>	seven	stove	b/d	Van becomes ban
	consonant blends (i.e. 2 or more consonants together)	<u>splash</u>	basket	ask		
		<u>tree</u>	library			
		<u>blue</u>	aeroplane			
STAGE 7 (8 years)	th (voiced)	<u>this</u>	bro <u>ther</u>	with	v	Brother becomes brover
STAGE 8 (8 ½ years)	th (voiceless)	<u>thumb</u>	no <u>thing</u>	mo <u>uth</u>	f/d	Thin becomes fin