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Which Speech Sounds should my child be using?

| Sound | Age sounds are usually achieved by (90\%) | Examples of sound in child's speech | Sound substitutions in developing speech |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $p, b, m, w$ | 2 yrs | Pop, baby, more, where | $p$ may sound like $b$ to begin with eg pee $\rightarrow$ bee sounds may be missing at the end of words e.g. $\text { boot } \rightarrow \text { boo until 3;0 }$ |
| t, d, n | 2 yrs 6 mths | Two, daddy, no | t may sound like d to begin with eg to $\rightarrow$ do |
| ng | 3 yrs 6 mths | sing | Child may use /n/ eg sing $\rightarrow$ sin up to the age of 5;0 |
| k/c, g | 3 yrs 6 mths | Car, walk, go, bag | Child may use /t/ /d/instead Eg car $\rightarrow$ tar bag $\rightarrow$ bad |
| h | 3 yrs 6 mths | home | /h/ may be left off initially eg home $\rightarrow$ ome |
| f, v | $3 y \mathrm{rs} 6 \mathrm{mths}$ | fork, coffee, off van, river, move | child may use p,b,t or,d until 3;06 eg fork $\rightarrow$ bork |
| s, z | 3 yrs 6 mths | Seesaw, bus, zebra nose | Child may use /t/or /d/ |
| y | $3 y \mathrm{rs} 6 \mathrm{mths}$ | Yogurt, buying |  |
| 1 | 4 yrs | Light, balloon | child may use 'w' or 'y' eg like $\rightarrow$ wike |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Consonant } \\ & \text { blends } \\ & \text { eg, fl, gr, st } \end{aligned}$ | 5 yrs | flower, nest, green | Child will reduce the consonant blend of 2 sounds to 1 eg flower - flower or lower |
| sh, zh | 5 yrs | Sheep, wash measure | May use as /t/ or /d/until 3;0 May use /s/ /z/after this until 5 yrs eg sheep $\rightarrow$ seep |
| ch, $\mathrm{j} / \mathrm{dg}$ | 5 yrs | chip, watch jump, badge | May use as /t/ or /d/ until 4;0 <br> May use as /ts//dz/ until 5 yrs eg watch $\rightarrow$ wats |
| All s blends, e.g. sp, sk,sl | 6 yrs | Spider, ski, snow, slime | Child will reduce the consonant blend of 2 sounds to 1 eg spider - pider or sider |
| Consonant blends of 3 consonants eg spl--- | 6 yrs 6 mths | split | Consonant blends of 3 sounds eg , spring Child will reduce the consonant blend of 3 sounds to 2 eg spring - sping |
| $r$ | 6 yrs 6 mths | rabbit, carry | Gliding: may present as /w/ or /y/ until 6;06 Eg rabbit $\rightarrow$ wabbit |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { th }(\theta) \\ & \text { th }(\delta) \end{aligned}$ | 7yrs+ | thumb there | May use $b$ then $f / v$ until 7yrs eg thumb $\rightarrow$ fum (may be dialect) |

