

How speech sounds usually develop – revised 2024

Age	sounds that develop	what might happen at this age?
up to 2 years	p, b, m, n, w, t, d	- words may consist of repeated sounds ➤ flower becomes fafa - sounds often left off the end of words ➤ bike becomes bye
2 - 3 years	k, g, h, s, f	- sounds often left off the end of words ➤ bike becomes bye - k / c becomes t ➤ car becomes tar - g becomes d ➤ girl becomes dirl - s becomes t ➤ sock becomes tock - f becomes p/b ➤ fish becomes pish/bish
3 – 4 years	ng, y, v, z, l	- v becomes b ➤ van becomes ban - z becomes d ➤ zip becomes dip - y becomes l / w ➤ yoyo becomes lolo or wowo - l becomes w ➤ leaf becomes weaf
4 – 5 years	ch, j blends with 2 sounds e.g. sp, st, sk, sm, sn, pl, cl, fl	- ch becomes t ➤ chair becomes tair - j becomes d ➤ jam becomes dam - where 2 sounds are used together, one may be missed off ➤ spoon becomes poon or soon plate becomes pate or late
5 – 6 years	sh, r s-blends with 3 sounds e.g. spl, spr, str	- sh becomes s ➤ shoe becomes sue - r becomes w ➤ ring becomes wing train becomes twain - spl becomes pl ➤ splash becomes plash
6 – 7 years	th	Local accent means th becomes 'f' or a 'v' this is not an error and is accepted bath becomes baf this becomes vis