

How speech sounds usually develop

Most children use all of these sounds by the time they are 7

Age	sounds that develop	what might happen at this age?
up to 2½ years	p, b, m, n, w	words may consist of repeated sounds e.g. flower becomes fafa sounds may be left off the end of words e.g. bike becomes bye
2½ to 3 years	t, d, g, k, h	sounds may be left off the end of words e.g. bike becomes bye k/c becomes t e.g. car becomes tar g becomes d e.g. girl becomes dirll
3 – 4 years	s, f, y 'l' begins to develop but can take up to 7 years	s becomes t e.g. sock becomes tock f becomes p/b e.g. fish becomes pish or bish y becomes l / w e.g. yellow becomes lellow or wewow l becomes w e.g. leaf becomes weaf
4 – 5 years	sh, ch, v, z, j 'r' begins to develop but can take up to 7-8 years s-blends begin to develop e.g. sp, st, sk, sm, sn	sh becomes s e.g. shoe becomes sue ch becomes t e.g. chair becomes tair v becomes b e.g. van becomes ban z becomes d e.g. zip becomes dip j becomes d e.g. jam becomes dam r becomes w e.g. ring becomes wing where 2 sounds are used together, one may be missed off e.g. spoon becomes poon or soon snake becomes nake or sake
5 – 6 years	th blend sounds are still developing e.g. pl, cl, br, cr,	th becomes f e.g. thing becomes fing th becomes v e.g. the becomes vuh Where 2 sounds are used together, one may be missed off or the child may use a sound that is easier to say e.g. play becomes pay or pway brown becomes bown or bwown