

Developmental Norms

| CHILD'S CURRENT AGE | SOUNDS THAT SHOULD BE DEVELOPED | PROCESSES/PATTERNS THAT SHOULD <u>NO LONGER</u> BE USED | AGE WHEN TREATMENT IS INDICATED |
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| Up to 3 years | p, b, m, t, d, n, h, w, vowels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final consonant deletion • Initial consonant deletion • Medial consonant deletion • Assimilation (gog/dog) | 3 years |
| 3 - 3 ½ years | k, g, ing, f, s, z, y, s-blends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voicing (p,k,t) • Fronting (k/g/ing) • Stopping (f,s,z) • Cluster Reduction (s-blends) | 3 1/2 years |
| 3 ½ - 4 years | sh*, l | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Stridency deletion (t/sh) • Gliding (w/l or y/l) | 4 years |
| 4 - 5 years | l-blends, ch, j | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster reduction (l-blends) • Deaffrication (t/ch, d/j) | 5 years |
| Over 5 years | r, r-blends, th, v, sh* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frontal lisp (th/s, th/z) • Lateral lisp (slushy noise s,z) • */s/ for /sh/ | Your child has time to master these sounds beyond their preschool years. |