

SPEECH SOUND DEVELOPMENT

What percentage of your child's speech should be understood?

Which consonant sounds should your child should be using?

<p>By Age</p> <p>2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech is 50% intelligible • Child may still omit final consonants • Consonant sounds: P M B T D N W H
<p>By Age</p> <p>3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech is 70-80% intelligible • Syllable shapes: CV, VC, CVC, CVCV • Consonant sounds: K G F Y
<p>By Age</p> <p>4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech is 90-100% intelligible • Produces 3-4 syllable words • Consonant sounds: S Z L V 'SH' 'CH' J
<p>By Age</p> <p>5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech is 100% intelligible • Produces S blends* and L blends* • Consonant Sounds: R
<p>By Age</p> <p>6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech is 100% intelligible • Produces R blends* • Consonant Sounds: 'TH'

* Blends: two adjacent consonant sounds in a word, Ex: SPoon, PLayer, GReen

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