

SPEECH SOUND DEVELOPMENT CHART

DEVELOPMENTAL NORMS OF SPEECH SOUNDS

AGE IN YEARS

SPEECH SOUND	1½	2	2½	3	3½	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8
p as in pie	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow										
m as in me	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow										
h as in hat	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow										
n as in now	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow										
w as in why	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow										
b as in baby	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow										
k as in kind		Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange								
g as in gone		Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange								
d as in dog		Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange								
t as in tap		Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red				
ng as in sing		Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red				
f as in fish			Pink	Pink	Pink	Pink								
y as in you			Pink	Pink	Pink	Pink								
r as in red				Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple				
l as in love				Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple				
s as in Sam				Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple
ch as in chips					Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	
sh as in shell					Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	
z as in zip					Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
j as in jam						Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	
v as in very						Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
th as in think							Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	
th as in this								Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green
zh as in Asia										Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow

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Note: Horizontal bars indicate the developmental norms of speech sounds according to age. The start of the horizontal bar indicates the age when the speech sound starts to develop whereas the end of the horizontal bar indicates when this speech sound should be mastered.