

Speech Sound Development

Children learn to produce different speech sounds at different ages. Below is a guide for when your child should be saying a range of different sounds.

I'm 18 months old

You should understand at least 25% of what I say

I'm 2 years old

You should understand at least 50% of what I say

I'm 3 years old

I should be able to say these sounds:

**w, h, n, m,
d, t, b, p**

You should understand at least 75% of what I say

I'm 3½ years old

I should be able to say these sounds:

f, k, g, y, ng

I'm 4 years old

I should be able to say these sounds:

**l, z, s, sh, ch, j,
clusters such as
'sp' and 'fl'**

You should understand 100% of what I say

I'm at school now

When I'm **5 years old** I should be able to say the '**r**' sound.

When I'm **6 ½ years old** I should be able to say the '**v**' sound.

I'm 7 years old

I should be able to say:
The '**th**' sound.



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If you have any concerns about your child's language development please contact your local Speech Pathology department.

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