

Typical Speech Sound Development

Children's development of speech sounds is a gradual process, whereby sounds develop over time and some sounds develop earlier than others. The table below list the sounds you should expect to hear your child use at different ages.

By age	90% of children use the following sounds in their speech
3	m, n, w, h, y, p, b, t, d, missing sounds off the ends of words
4	f, v, s, z, k, g, ng
5	sh, ch, j and consonant clusters e.g. (gl, sp, br)
5 ½	l, r
8	th

Possible reasons for speech sound difficulties:

- Hearing
- Delayed development
- Overuse of dummies
- Physical differences with the mouth and tongue
- Missing dentition
- Incoordination



Still concerned?

If your child is in **Early Years** please access our drop-in service to access further advice and support. Further information can be found on our 'referral and drop-ins' page on our website.

If your child is **school-aged** please contact your school's SENCO who can discuss a referral with the link Therapist for your school.

In the meantime, please see further resources on our website on how to develop your child's sound awareness skills at home.