

# Speech Sound Development

Ages	Sounds that are typically acquired at these ages
6 years	th (voiceless)
5 years	r, zh (as in treasure), th voiced
4 years	s, sh, ch, j, z, l, v
2-3 years	m, n, h, p, b, t, d, k, g, ng, w, y, f

This chart is an overview of ages of speech sound development and is not meant to be used by itself for the purpose of assessment or diagnosis, as there are many other factors to be taken into consideration (e.g. the type of sound error & place of omission). Please seek professional advice from a speech pathologist if you have any concerns about your child's speech sound development. Speech pathologists are trained to fully assess, diagnose and treat speech difficulties.

**This data is based on 15 English speech acquisition studies compiled and reported by McLeod and Crowe, 2018. McLeod, S & Crowe, K (2018). Children's consonant acquisition in 27 languages: A cross-linguistic review. American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology. Doi:10.1044/2018\_AJSLP-17-0100**