



HIGH FIVE SPEECH THERAPY

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What sounds¹ should my child be saying?

Girls

Boys



So...does my child need therapy?

Therapy is likely warranted if your child cannot yet say a sound when older than age listed for that sound.

Also...

Therapy may be warranted before the "end" of the bar, depending on:

- the child's specific errors •
- total number of challenging sounds •
- how the errors are affecting the child •
- maturity level •

Please consult with a certified speech-language pathologist if you have concerns or questions.

We also need to consider how well your child is understood...here's what we expect:

BY PARENTS:²

18 month olds	25%ish
2 year olds	50%-75%
3 year olds*	75%-100%

BY STRANGERS:³

18 month olds	25%ish
2 year olds	50%
3 year olds	75%
4 year olds*	95%-100%

There is likely cause for concern if your child's speech lies outside these expectations

*some speech errors expected, but we still understand what they are saying

The bars begin at the "emergence level" (i.e. 50% of children that age can correctly say the sound) and end at "mastery" level (i.e. 90% of children that age can say that sound).

1. Adapted from Sander JSHD 1972; Smit, et al JSHD 1990; Nebraska-Iowa Articulation Norms Project

2. Lynch, Brookshire, Fox 1980

3. Flipsen 2006