

the early years toolkit

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Speech sounds normal

By two

Sounds typically used:

- Tend to use: **b, d, m, n, w**
- Range of vowel sounds

May have difficulties with:

- All other sounds including: k, g, s, f, sh, l, r, etc
- May miss consonants off at the ends of words
- Long complex words are difficult e.g: helicopter

By two-and-a-half

Sounds typically used:

- Tend to use: **p, b, t, d, m, n, w**

May have difficulties with:

- All other sounds including: k, g, s, f, sh, l, r, etc
- Long complex words are difficult

By three

Sounds typically used:

- Tend to use: **p, b, t, d, m, n, w, h**

May have difficulties with:

- All other sounds including: k, g, s, f, sh, l, r, etc
- Long complex words

By three-and-a-half

Sounds typically used:

- Tend to use: **p, b, t, d, m, n, w, h**
- **Possibly** starting to use **k, g, s, f**

May have difficulties with:

- sh, z, v, ch, j, l, r, th
- 2 consonants together, like fl, sp, sm, gr, str
- Long complex words

By four

Sounds typically used:

- Using: **k, g, s, f, p, b, t, d, m, n, w, h**
- Using 's' clusters: **sm, sp, sn, st, sk**

May have difficulties with:

- sh, z, v, ch, j, l, r, th
- Difficulty with other consonant clusters: fl, fr, gr, gl, str, spl
- Some long complex words

By four-and-a-half

Sounds typically used:

- Now using: **sh, ch, j** (in addition to other sounds listed above)

May have difficulties with:

- l, r, th
- Clusters: fl, fr, gr, gl, str, spl

five

Sounds typically used: • Now using **l** (in addition to other sounds listed above)

May have difficulties with: • r, th
• Consonant clusters involving r or l: fl, gr, etc

six

Sounds typically used: • Using all sounds except **'th'**
• Using 3-consonant clusters: **spr, str, spl**

May have difficulties with: • th

seven

Sounds typically used: • Using all sounds **except for regional accent variations**
(eg: think → "fink")