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When Speech Sounds are Learned

If you feel your child is not learning speech sounds at the appropriate age, contact a Speech-Language Pathologist.

Age of Development	Speech Sounds That Appear	% of Speech Understood
By 1 year	Some vowel sounds. May begin to use consonants inconsistently (common early sounds are: p, b, m, t, d)	May be no more than 25% to unfamiliar listener
By 2 years	p, b, m, t, d, n, w, h and vowels	60% of speech
By 3 - 3½ years	k, g, ng, f, y	70-80% of speech
By 3½ - 4 years	s, z	80-90% of speech
By 4 - 4½ years	sh, l, l-blends, s-blends	90-100% of speech
By 4½ - 5 years	ch, j	100% of speech
By 5 years and older	r and r-blends, v, th	100% of speech