

3 years

d as in "dog" w as in "water"
p as in "pig" c/k as in "cat" y as in "yes"
b as in "book" g as in "go" m as in "monkey"
t as in "toe" h as in "house" n as in "no"



4 years

f as in "farm" l as in "lolly" sh as in "shoe"
ch as in "chicken" ng as in "thing"



4 1/2 years

s as in "sock" j as in "jump" z as in "zebra"



5 years

r as in "rabbit"



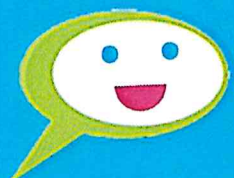
6 years

v as in "vacuum"



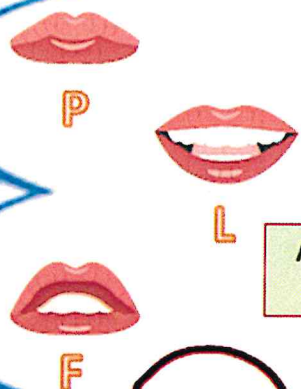
8 years

th as in "thumb"



Speech Sound Acquisition

A referral to speech therapy would be warranted for student's whom have not developed the ability to say the sounds listed below by the ages shown.



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w, p, b,
h, n, m

4

g, k, t,
d, y, f

5

w, p, b, h,
n, m, g, k,
r, d, y, f, bl,
kw

6

r, s, z, l, v,
blends: br,
dr, fl, st, pl,
gr, tr, kl, gl,
fr,

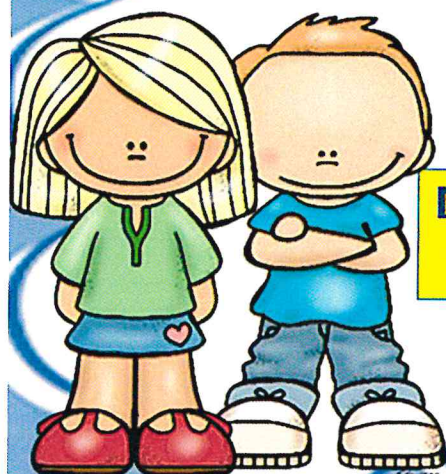
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voiced and
unvoiced th,
ch, sh, j, sl,
sp, sw, ng,
zh (measure)



Did you know that students should be 90 to 95% intelligible to unfamiliar listeners by the time they are in kindergarten?

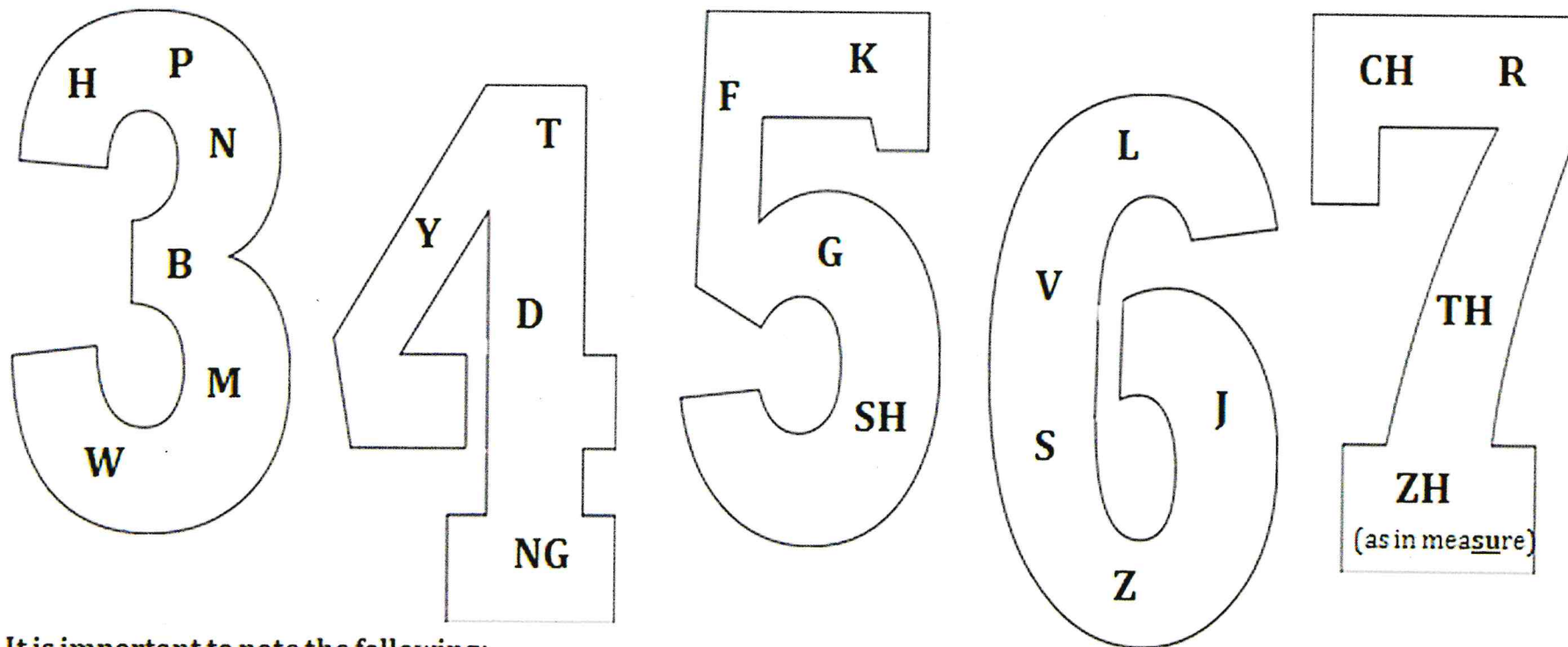
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Speech Sound Development Chart

A child's speech may be delayed if he/she has not developed the listed sounds by the given ages.



It is important to note the following:

- Children can develop these sounds before the given ages
- Many sounds have a time range of normal acquisition
- The /r/ sound is later developing and may take up until age 9 to fully master

If you have any questions about your child's speech sound development, contact a Speech-Language Pathologist.
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SPEECH SOUND ACQUISITION BY AGE

KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT

85% of kids by this age should be able to say the following sounds

AGE	INITIAL POSITION	MEDIAL POSITION	FINAL POSITION
2 YEARS	/b/ /d/ /h/ /m/ /n/ /p/	/b/ /m/ /n/	/m/ /p/
3 YEARS	/f/ /g/ /k/ /t/ /w/	/f/ /g/ /k/ ng /p/ /t/	/b/ /d/ /g/ /k/ /n/ /t/
4 YEARS	/kw/	/d/	/f/
5 YEARS	ch j /l/ /s/ sh y /bl/	ch j /l/ /s/ sh /z/	/l/ ng ch j /s/ sh /r/ /v/ /z/
6 YEARS	/r/ /v/ /br/ /dr/ /fl/ /fr/ /gl/ /gr/ /kl/ /kr/ /pl/ /st/ /tr/	/r/ /v/	
7 YEARS	/z/ /sl/ /sp/ /sw/ th th	th	th

Source: Goldman Fristoe Test of Articulation

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