



SPEECH SOUND DEVELOPMENT CHART

SPEECH INTELLIGIBILITY AND CONSONANT ACQUISITION

By age:

2

- Speech is 50% intelligible
- Child may still omit final consonants
- Consonant sounds: P M B T D N W H

By age:

3

- Speech is 70-80% intelligible
- Syllable shapes: CV, VC, CVC, CVCV
- Consonant sounds: K G F Y

By age:

4

- Speech is 90-100% intelligible
- Produces 3-4 syllable words
- Consonant sounds: S Z L V 'SH' 'CH' J

By age:

5

- Speech is 100% intelligible
- Produces S blends* and L blends*
- Consonant Sounds: R

By age:

6

- Speech is 100% intelligible
- Produces R blends*
- Consonant Sounds: 'TH'

***Blend:** two adjacent consonant sounds in a word, Ex: SPoon, PLayer, GReen

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