

Articulation Developmental Norms

CHILD'S CURRENT AGE	SOUNDS THAT SHOULD BE DEVELOPED	PROCESSES/PATTERNS THAT SHOULD <u>NO LONGER</u> BE USED	AGE WHEN TREATMENT IS INDICATED
Up to 3 years	p, b, m, t, d, n, h, w, vowels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final consonant deletion • Initial consonant deletion • Medial consonant deletion • Assimilation (gog/dog) 	3 years
3 - 3 ½ years	k, g, ing, f, s, z, y, s-blends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voicing (p,k,t) • Fronting (k/g/ing) • Stopping (f,s,z) • Cluster Reduction (s-blends) 	3 1/2 years
3 ½ - 4 years	sh*, l	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Stridency deletion (t/sh) • Gliding (w/l or y/l) 	4 years
4 - 5 years	l-blends, ch, j	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster reduction (l-blends) • Deaffrication (t/ch, d/j) 	5 years
Over 5 years	r, r-blends, th, v, sh*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frontal lisp (th/s, th/z) • Lateral lisp (slushy/noise s,z) • */s/ for /sh/ 	Your child has time to master these sounds beyond their preschool years.

- ❖ Sounds are not worked on in our program before the “**age when treatment is indicated**” column.
- ❖ If your child has only one sound in error, a home program may be provided and your child may be discharged from our program.

* Please note that different error patterns may be present on /sh/ during the preschool years and that t/sh should be resolved by approximately 4 years of age, while s/sh or th/sh is considered developmentally appropriate for this age group.