Speech & Articulation Development Chart

Each solid bar indicates when children generally MASTER the specified sounds. This chart depicts a range of development and should only be used as a general guide. For more specific concerns we recommend that you consult a pediatrician or speech-language pathologist.

What sounds should my child be saying?

Birth 1 Year 2 Years 3 Years 4 Years 5 Years 6 Years 7 Years 8 Years
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Adapted from Sander JSHD 1972; Smit, et all JSHD 1990 and the Nebraska-Iowa Articulation Norms Project

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