

Speech Sounds Grow With Me!

A quick guide to when children typically master English speech sounds.

p b m

CHILD'S NAME _____ DATE _____

BY AGE

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EARLY TALKERS

p as in pig • b as in ball • d as in dog • m as in mama
n as in no • h as in hi • w as in we

BY AGE

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GROWING SOUNDS

t as in top • k as in key • g as in go • ng as in ring
f as in fish • y as in yes

BY AGE

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BIG KID SOUNDS

v as in van • s as in sun • z as in zoo • sh as in shoe
ch as in chair • j as in jump • l as in lion

BY AGE

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TRICKIER SOUNDS

th (voiced) as in this • zh as in measure • r as in red

BY AGE

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FINISHING SOUND

th (voiceless) as in thumb



Remember: these are guideposts, not deadlines.

Every child grows at their own pace. A sound may be tricky before it is mastered. By ages 4 to 5, most children are understood by people who do not know them well. Questions are always welcome - early support can bring clarity.