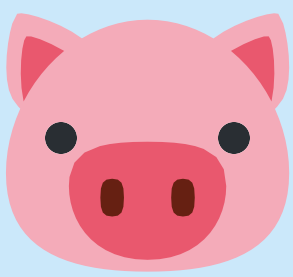# Phonological Processes

Phonology is a pattern of sound errors which change as children develop. Children typically stop using these patterns by the following ages:

## 3 years

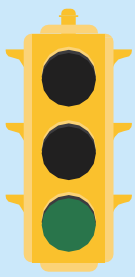**Devoicing**
'pick' for 'pig'
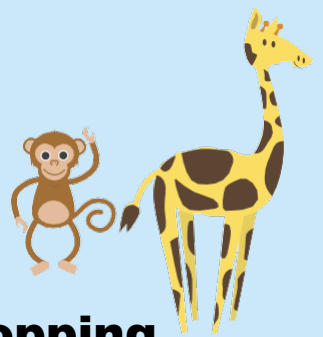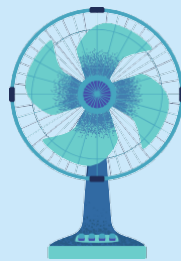
**Assimilation**
'bub' for 'bus'

**Final Consonant Deletion**
'cu' for 'cup'

## 3.5 years

**Fronting**
'dow' for 'go' or 'sue' for 'shoe'

**Stopping**
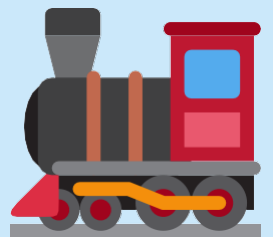'pan' for 'fan' or 'do' for 'zoo'

## 4 years

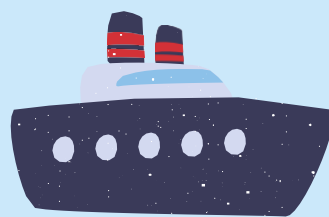**Weak Syllable Deletion**
'nana' for 'banana'

**Cluster Reduction**
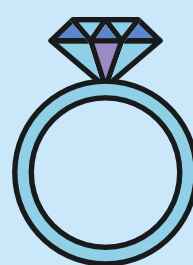'fog' for 'frog'

**Deaffrication**
'tutu' for 'choo choo'

## 4.5 years

**Stopping of affricates**
'tease' for 'cheese' or 'tip' for 'ship'

## 5 years

**Gliding**
'white' for 'light' or 'wing' for 'ring'

## 6 years

**Fricative Simplification**
'fum' for 'thumb'