

# Speech Sound Acquisition

Children develop speech sounds at different ages. The table below represents the age at which children are expected to have developed each speech sound. Children who have not achieved one or more of these sounds by the age indicated are likely to experience a speech delay or disorder, and it is recommended that you contact a Speech Pathologist for advice.

## 3 Years

'p' as in 'pig'

'w' as in 'walk'

'h' as in 'house'

'm' as in 'moon'

'b' as in 'book'

## 3 ½ Years

'n' as in 'nine'

'k' as in 'kick'

'g' as in 'go'

'd' as in 'dog'

't' as in 'tap'

## 4 Years

'ng' as in 'thing'

'l' as in 'light'

'sh' as in 'shoe'

'ch' as in 'chicken'

## 4 ½ Years

'j' as in 'jump'

's' as in 'sock'

'z' as in 'zebra'

## 5 Years

'r' as in 'rabbit'

## 6 Years

'v' as in 'vacuum'

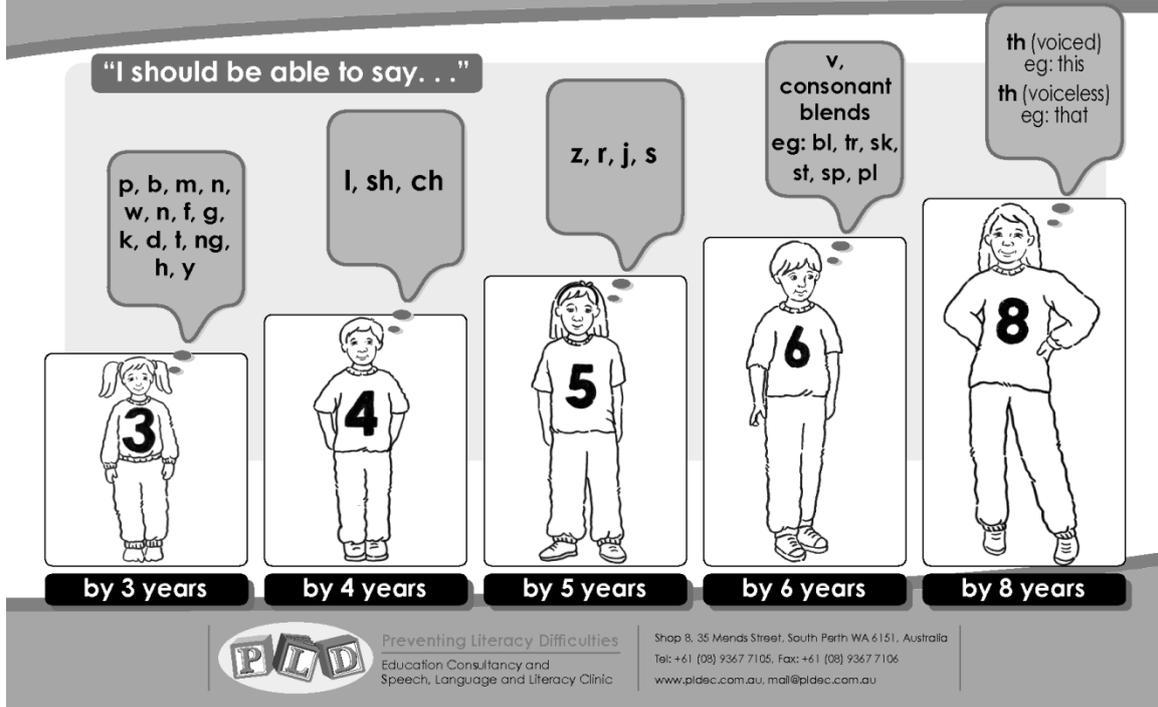
## 8 years

'th' as in 'think'

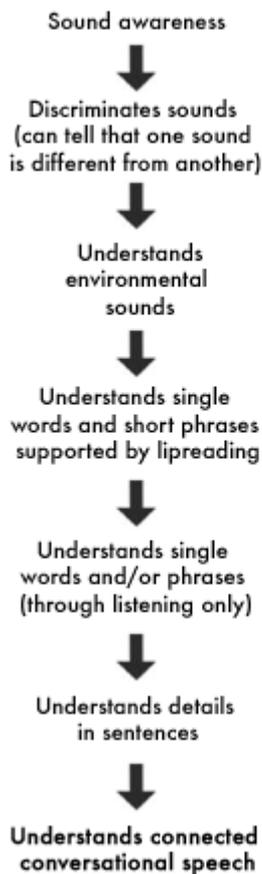
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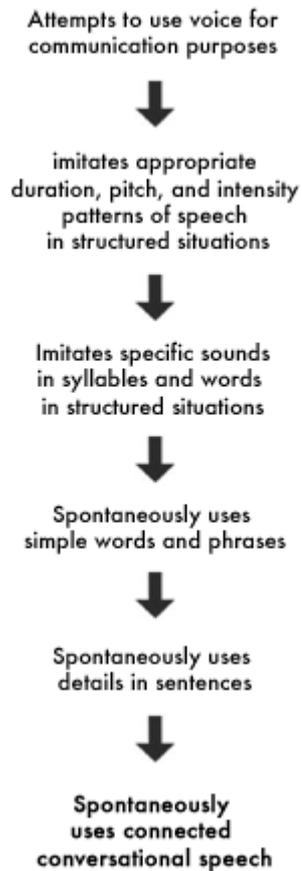
# Speech Sound Development



## Receptive listening skill development



## Expressive skill development



# Stages of Play



## SOLITARY PLAY

- Usually between the ages of 10 months and 18 months
- Egocentric, play does not involve other children
- Still learning to coordinate behaviours for interactive play
- Needs adult support to ensure continuation of play
- Children may watch the play of other children.

## PARALLEL PLAY

- Usually observed in the play of toddlers (18mths – 2.5yrs)
- Child will play alongside other children with little exchange of materials or conversation
- Children like being near each other but are not ready for co-ordinated interactions.

## ASSOCIATIVE PLAY

- Usually begins at around 2.5yrs to 3yrs of age.
- Children begin to like playing in groups that are involved in the same activity.
- Children watch one another and imitate actions of peers.
- Not usually able to work together with other children as yet.

## CO-OPERATIVE PLAY

- Usually begins at 3 years to 5 years of age.
- Simple back and forth play of two children.
- Beginning to take turns
- Interactive skills are developing
- Learning to play together.