

PATIENT INFORMATION

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Speech and Language Therapy Team

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Acquisition of speech sounds varies greatly from one child to another, but there is a general pattern of development.

The earliest developing sounds are:

p b m w h

(these are usually acquired by three and a half years of age)

The next sounds to be acquired are:

k g t d n f

(these should be acquired by four years of age)

Next the children will acquire:

sh ch s

(these should be acquired by four and a half to five years of age)

Finally, the more difficult sounds will be acquired, such as:

l th v r z y

And the 'clusters' or 'blends' as in **sky snail sleep flower grow**

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