

## Hints and tips:

- **Repeat words back to your child clearly. Do not try to make your child say a sound or word correctly**  
E.g. Child: "Look...it's a tar"  
Adult: "Yes...it's a car"
- **Encourage your child to talk more slowly by slowing down your own talking and by pausing**
- **See if your child can show you what they mean in a different way e.g. by pointing, acting it out or by taking you to it**
- **Never let your child talk with a dummy or bottle in their mouth**

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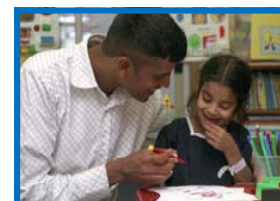
یہ دستاویز دیگر زبانوں اور مطلوبہ شکلوں (فارمیٹ) میں بھی دستیاب ہے

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**If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Speech and Language Therapy team (details below)**

## Speech Sound Development - Information booklet for parents, carers, nurseries and schools

### County Health Partnerships

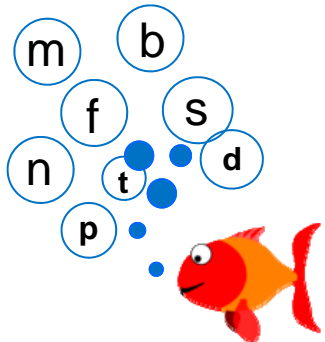


This leaflet is about how children's speech sounds develop. Young children take time to develop their speech sounds. Each child learns at their own pace. Some sounds are learnt early. Others can be tricky until around six years of age.

The Speech and Language Therapy team work closely with parents and teaching staff in order to provide advice and specific activities to help develop your child's speech sounds.

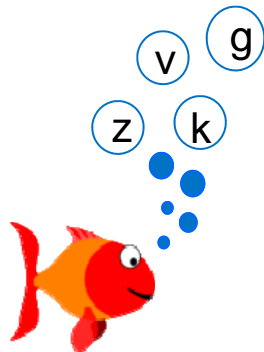
**Contact the Speech and Language Therapy team for help if your child finds these sounds difficult to say:**

### At 3 1/2 years old

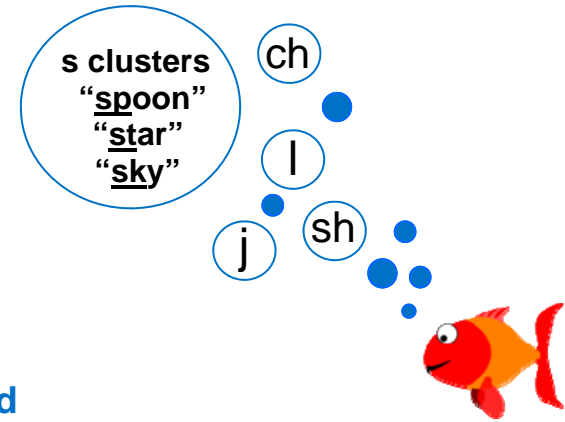


- If your child misses off the ends of words e.g. says "pi\_" instead of "pig"
- If your child uses a "k" and "g" for lots of other sounds e.g. "cap" instead of "tap" or "gun" instead of "sun"

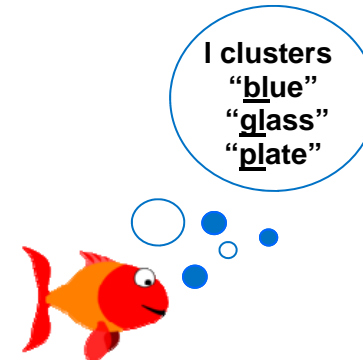
### At 4 years old



### At 5 years old



### At 6 years old



**If your child says any of the following sounds there is no need to worry. These sounds do not need speech therapy:**

- "th" instead of "s" (for example, "thun" instead of "sun")
- "f" instead of "th" ("fum" instead of "thumb")
- "w" instead of "r" ("wed" instead of red)