

The beginning of the bar shows the age at which children begin to say each sound



The end of the bar shows the age at which most children have mastered each sound

Speech Sounds

Age of Acquisition (years)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
vowels / diphthongs		vowels							
p—(puppy)		p							
m—(mommy)		m							
h—(hi)		h							
n—(no)		n							
w—(window)		w							
b—(baby)		b							
k—(cookie)		k							
g—(go)		g							
d—(daddy)		d							
t—(turtle)		t							
ng—(sing)		ng							
f—(funny)			f						
y—(yes)			y						
r—(rabbit)			r						
l—(lion)			l						
s—(sun)			s						
sh—(shoe)			sh						
ch—(chair)			ch						
z—(zoo)			z						
j—(jump)				j					
v—(van)				v					
th—(thumb)				th					
th—(these)					th				
zh—(treasure)							zh		

*From Templin, 1957; Wellman et al., 1931, in Sanders—*Journal of Speech and Hearing Disorders*, 1973.