

LEARNING TO SPEAK IS A CRUCIAL PART OF A CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS MADE IN NURSERY AND EARLY SCHOOL YEARS IS CRUCIAL TO MASTERING THE RULES OF LANGUAGE AND EARLY LITERACY.

90% of children will be able to make these sounds by the age listed below:

3;0 - 3;5 years



3;6 - 3;11 years

ch

4;0 - 4;11 years

dg zh

dg - as in 'giraffe'  
 zh - as in 'measure'

5;0 - 5;11 years

sh

6;0 - 6;11 years

r

7;0 + years

th

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## What can you do to help?

- Model correct speech for your child, eg. If they say "look at wed dod", you can say "yes, look at the red dog"
- Look at your child when you talking together
- Let your child watch your face, lips and tongue as you form sounds and words
- Repeat new words and sounds over and over, and use them often in your conversation
- Praise your child when sounds are correct, especially if the sounds were previously difficult for them

Contact a therapist at Chatterpillar to discuss your child's speech further

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