



Speech Sound – Age of Acquisition (Years)

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

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

Age	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							
d —(daddy)		d							
t —(turtle)		t							
k —(cookie)		k							
g —(go)		g							
ng —(sing)		ng							
f —(funny)		f							
y —(yes)		y							
s —(sun)		s							
l —(lion)		l							
r —(run)		r							
sh —(shoe)		sh							
ch —(chair)		ch							
z —(zoo)		z							
j —(jump)		j							
v —(van)		v							
th —(thumb)		th							
th —(these)		th							
zh —(treasure)		zh							

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