Speech Development & Intelligibility

Parent’s Cheat Sheet

Speech development refers to the pronunciation of sounds. It may also be called articulation. How a person says sounds depends on movement and placement of the tongue, teeth, jaw, and voice box.

How to Use This Chart:

- Find the age of your child on the left, and then look to the corresponding row for what sounds he/she should be saying.
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Speech Intelligibility

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