

Phonemes Examples

AGE	CONSONANTS GENERALLY ACQUIRED	PREDICTBLE ERRORS
1-2 years	/p/ /m/ /n/ /w/ /h/	Omissions of final consonants – ‘ca’ for ‘cat’ Substitutions for consonants – ‘pall’ for ‘ball’ Reduction of consonant blends – ‘sore’ for ‘store’ By 2 years, 60% intelligibility
2-4 years	/b/ /d/ /k/ /g/ /f/ /y/	Omissions of medial consonants – ‘birhouse’ for ‘birdhouse’ Substitutions – ‘peder’ for ‘feather’ By 4 years, 90% intelligibility
5-6 years	/t/ /ɪŋ/ /r/ /l/	Errors with difficult blends – ‘stap’ for ‘strap’ Substitution of ‘r’ for ‘l’ – ‘yarrow’ for ‘yellow’
6-7 years	voiceless /θ/ /ʃ/ /tʃ /dʒ/	Distortion and substitutions – ‘tink’ for ‘think’, ‘gar’ for ‘jar’
7-8 years	voiced /ð/ /v/ /z/ /zh/	Substitution of voiceless pair for voiced pair – ‘soo’ for ‘zoo’, ‘wash’ for ‘watch’