



Key Area: Oral Language Speech Sound Development



"I should be able to say..."

NOTE: Under each age range are examples of speech errors that should **NOT** be present by the listed age.

p, b, m, n,
w, n, g,
k, d, t, ng,
h, y, f



by 3 - 4 years

"do away"
(go away)

"tat"
(cat)

"my du"
(my duck)

l, sh, ch,
j, s, z, v



by 4 - 5 years

"dope"
(soap)

"I want tips"
(I want chips)

"I can dump"
(I can jump)

r,
th (voiced)



by 5 - 6 years

"get dem"
(get them)

"I want dis"
(I want this)

"wabbit"
(rabbit)

th (voiceless)
consonant
blends
eg: bl, tr, sk,
st, sp, pl



by 6 - 8 years

"the right fing"
(the right thing)

"poon and fork"
(spoon and fork)

"a twuck"
(a truck)

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