

Speech Sounds

Ages 2–3

Speech sound production involves coordinating the muscles in the mouth and throat to create sound. These sounds will be used to express needs, thoughts and feelings and communicate with others.

Between the ages of two and three years old, toddlers may:



have a growing repertoire of spoken sounds, including p, b, t, d, m, n, w, and use some or all of them in words

begin to attempt trickier spoken sounds, including k, g, f, y

miss off the final consonant in a word

mispronounce words, often changing or missing out spoken sounds in words, such as 'nana' for 'banana' or 'tar' for 'car'



Please note: This resource has been made to help educators reflect on children's learning and development in the early years. Learning can take many different forms, so please keep in mind that the poster will only provide a snapshot of what children may be learning and developing at this stage.

Disclaimer: Every setting's needs are different and so the recommendations in this resource may not be suitable for all settings. The examples used are not an exhaustive list and it is for you to consider whether it is appropriate to use this guidance within your setting.