



**YES!**





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*years*  
**6**

th thumb 'unvoiced'

*years*  
**5**

rain

zh treasure

th there 'voiced'

*years*

**4**

s v z l sh j ch sun

van

leaf

zoo

shoe

jump

chair

*years*  
**3**

p b m t d n h k g

ring

wheel

ball

toes

dog

pig

monkey

fish

çat

hat

nose

girl

**2**

w ng f y

yes

*years*

\*Average age children learn to pronounce English consonants correctly from McLeod and Crowe 2018

Seek advice from a speech pathologist if your child has difficulty pronouncing any sounds at their current age level or below

# Is Your Preschooler's Speech on Track? A Quick Parent Guide

## *How to Use This Tool*

1. **Print the Speech Screener Chart.**
2. **Ask your child to name each picture.**
3. **Listen** carefully to how your child says the underlined sounds.
4. **Tick** the sounds they can say clearly.
5. **Cross** the ones they cannot.
6. **Compare** your child's results to the age expectations on the chart.
  - If they can't say sounds expected for their age (or younger), consider a referral to your local speech pathologist.

### **Understanding guide:**

- 3-year-old: strangers should understand **75%** of speech.
- 4-year-old: strangers should understand **100%** of speech.

## *Why Early Identification Matters*

Speech difficulties can lead to:

- **Literacy challenges** (reading and spelling).
- **Social and emotional frustration.**
- **Friendship and communication struggles.**

## *How a Speech Pathologist Helps*

- **Assesses** speech and language development.
- Provides **therapy** to improve clarity.
- **Supports** confidence and social skills.

**Early intervention = better outcomes for school and life.**

Use the screener today and seek advice if needed!

Reach out to **Therapy Matters Speech Pathologists** on the Gold Coast for support.

