



Functional Speech Pathology, P.C.

## Speech Sound Acquisition Norms

Average Age  
Of Acquisition

Sounds

2-3

P, B, M, T, D, N, H, K, G, W, NG, F, Y

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L, J, SH, CH, S, Z, V

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R, Zh(measure), TH voiced ( That )

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TH voiceless ( Thumb )



## Feeding and Language 3 months-24 months

Age	Feeding Norms	Language Norms
Birth-3 months	Effective rooting reflex (turns head to nipple when cheeks are stroked). Diet: Liquid	By 3 months Infants smile at sight of parents, Cooing is present. Cries differently based on need.
4-6 months	Transition from suckling to sucking pattern. Can pull pureed food off of a spoon ( with sucking pattern). Diet: Primarily Liquid with purees	Moves eyes in the direction of sound. Focuses on music. Single sounds emerge ( bah, guh, dah)

	incorporated for exposure to textures.	
7-9 months	Cup drinking with moderate spillage as jaw stability improves. Finger feeding begins. Munching pattern develops ( up and down motion with limited lateral tongue movement) Diet: Purees and soft chew foods	Canonical babbling present ( babababa, gagaga). Emergence of sound imitation Enjoys peek-a-boo
10-12 months	Cup drinking Rotary Jaw pattern emerges.	Variegated babbling (badaga,dabagu) Uses intonation

	<p>Begins to eat table foods and can bring a spoon to mouth.  Diet: soft foods, lumpy textures.  Food should be cut up into small pieces.</p>	<p>May hear first words closer to 12 months of age  Enjoys simple songs ( itsy-bitsy spider, pat-a-cake, wheels on the bus).</p>
1-2 years	<p>Refines cup drinking and self-feeding skills.  Can give up bottle altogether.  Can eat a variety of textures.  Develops food preferences.</p>	<p>1-2 word utterances emerge  Comments ( “uh-oh”, “oh-no!”)  Agent action (“mama go”)  Action object (“go car!”)  Attribute object ( “big bubble”)</p>

		Uses simple questions ( “where dahdah?” “Sissy home?”
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These tables provide a guide to typical development. Every child is different. If you notice moderate- severe lags in acquisition of skills contact your pediatrician or a pediatric SLP for more information.