



# Speech sound difficulties

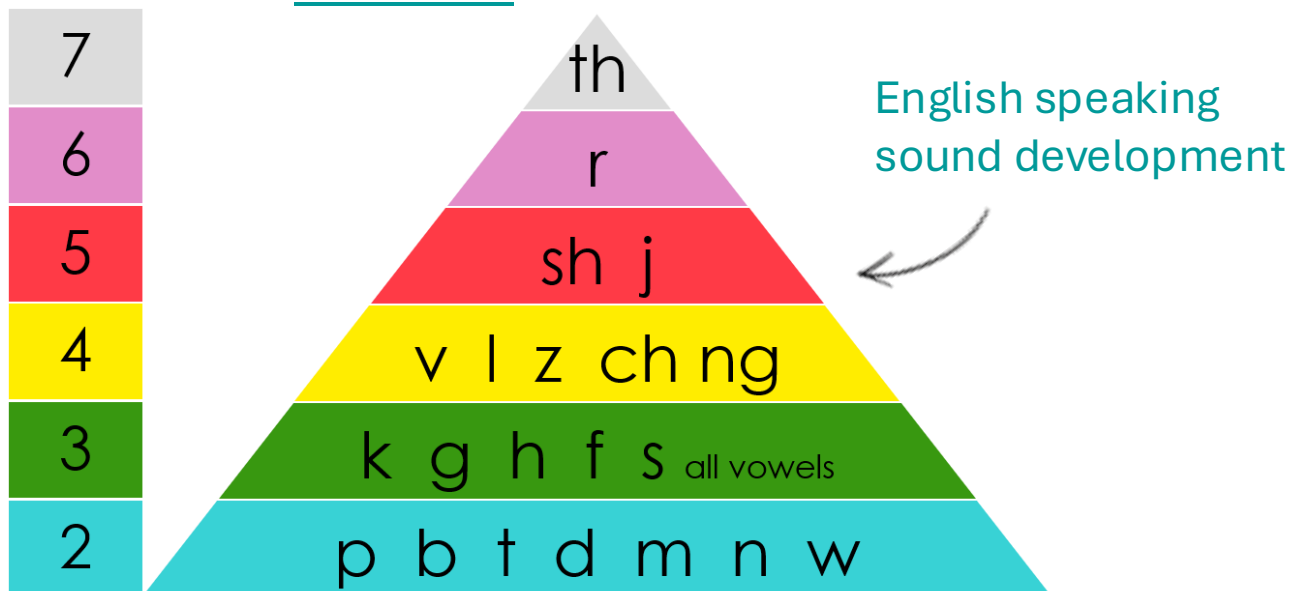
Speech is putting the sounds together to make words.

By the age of 5, most children can say sounds more clearly.



Children learning more than one language, are likely to gain the sounds for the language they hear most, first.

Find out more from [the RCSLT](#).



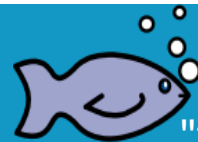
Children might say words different at different ages...



"mato"  
(18 mths old)



"tat"  
(2.5 yrs old)



"fis"  
(3.5 yrs old)

To support, you can...

- Repeat back what they say clearly, **don't** make them copy you.
- Play sound games like "I spy..." and sing **nursery rhymes**.
- Show them **different ways** to communicate using pictures, objects and actions.
- Find out more from [Speech and Language UK](#).

