

## The Development of Speech Sounds

### Approximate age at which children can normally produce sounds

| <b>SOUND</b>                                                              | <b>50% of children</b> | <b>90% of children</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>common vowel sounds</b>                                                | 1 ½ - 2 years          | 3 years                |
| <b>p,b,m,n,t,d,w</b>                                                      | 1 ½ - 2 years          | 3 years                |
| <b>k,g,f,h,y</b>                                                          | 1 ½ - 3 years          | 4 years                |
| <b>ng, s</b>                                                              | 1 ½ - 3 years          | 5 years                |
| <b>l</b>                                                                  | 3 – 3 ½ years          | 6 years                |
| <b>sh, ch, j, z, v</b>                                                    | 3 ½ - 4 ½ years        | 6 years                |
| <b>r, th (as in 'thing')<br/>th (as in 'the')<br/>zh (as in 'vision')</b> | 4 ½ - 5 years          | 7 years                |