

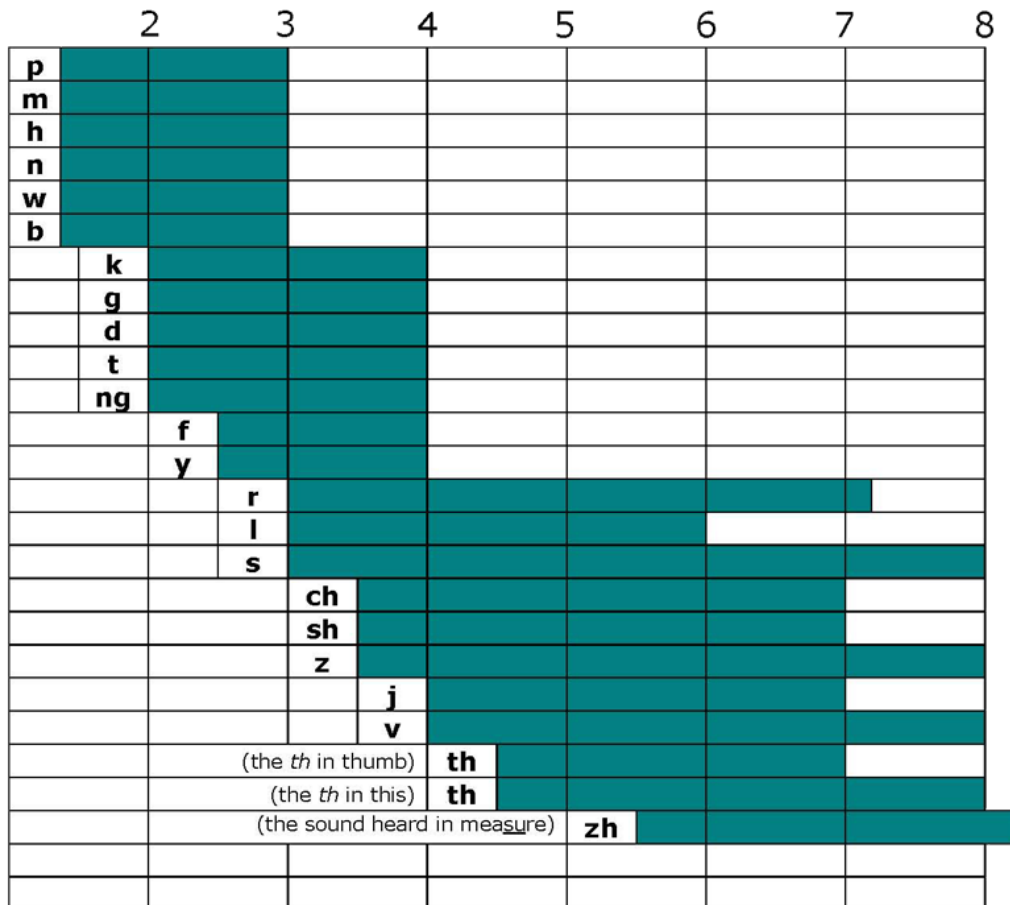


## Normal Consonant Development in Children

According to *Lynch, Brookshire & Fox (1980), p. 102, cited in Bowen (1998)* the following is a general guideline about how easy a parent should understand their child's speech at different ages:

- By 18 months a child's speech is normally 25% intelligible
- By 24 months a child's speech is normally 50 -75% intelligible
- By 36 months a child's speech is normally 75-100% intelligible

The following chart is a guideline to find out how your child's speech sound development compares to the range of typical development. The end of the bar indicates where 90% of children use the sound. If you have any concerns, please contact a Speech Language Pathologist.



Source: Sander, Eric K. "When Are Speech Sounds Learned?" *JSHD*, 37 (February 1972).

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