

Speech Sound Screen



Instructions

- Ask the child to name the pictures one by one. Make sure you listen really carefully and write down the word exactly as the child says it.
- If the child is unable to name the picture then say the word for them and ask them to repeat it but make a note that it was repeated.

For example

| | Child's | | |
|-------------|---------|-------|-------|
| Target Word | Date: | Date: | Date: |
| mouse | mou | | |
| spider | biyer | | |

Recommendations

If the child **isn't** saying the sounds expected for their age (see Appendix 1) and this is the **main** area of speech and language difficulty:

- Follow the advice handout 'Supporting Children with Unclear Speech' AND
- If the child is older than 3 years carry out a phonological awareness programme for a minimum of 8 weeks at least three times a week (preferably in a group)
- Record your intervention using the record sheet attached (see Appendix 2).
- Repeat the phonological screen using the same record sheet to measure progress.
- NB If the child is older than 3 and uses less than 6 different consonant sounds and is very difficult to understand then please refer to SLT immediately with copy of speech sound screen (but still carry out phonological awareness activities).

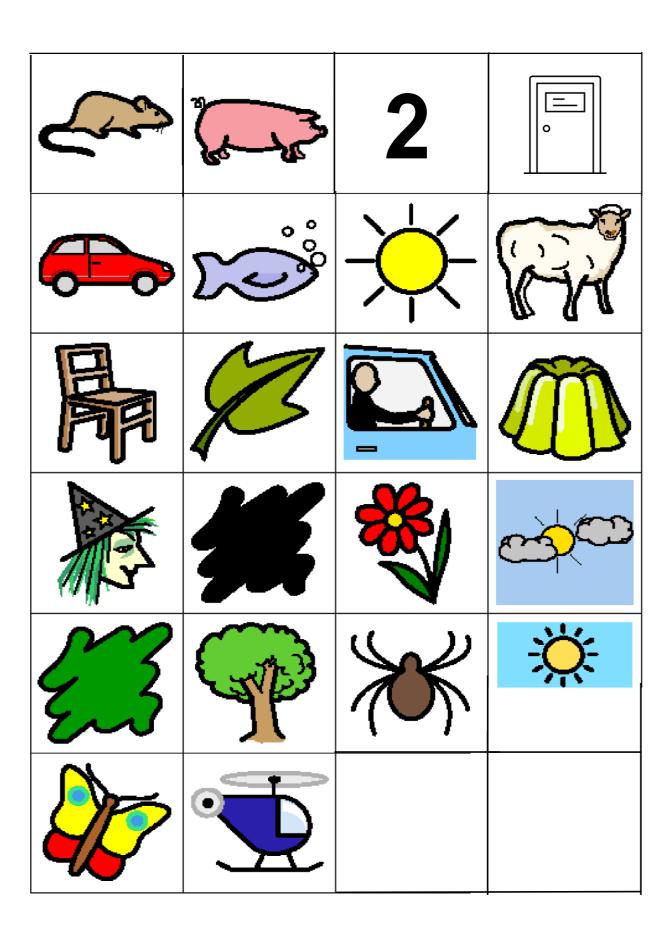
If the child:

- has made minimal progress (following the above intervention) OR
- has made some progress but still shows many errors AND/ OR
- is very difficult to understand

Then make a referral to SLT

Speech Sound Screen Record Sheet

| Name : | Date of Birth: | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| | Child's Production of the Word | | |
| Target Word | Date (Before Intervention) | Date (After a minimum of 8 weeks intervention | |
| mouse | | | |
| pig | | | |
| two | | | |
| door | | | |
| car | | | |
| fish | | | |
| sun | | | |
| sheep | | | |
| chair | | | |
| leaf | | | |
| driving | | | |
| jelly | | | |
| witch | | | |
| black | | | |
| flower | | | |
| cloud | | | |
| green | | | |
| tree | | | |
| spider | | | |
| sky | | | |
| butterfly | | | |
| helicopter | | | |



Speech and Language Therapy Appendix 1

Speech Sound Development

| Approximate Age of acquisition | Sounds |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 3 years | p, b, t, d, m, n, f, s, z, h, w, y |
| 3-4 years | k, g, ng |
| 4-5 years | I, r, ch and j |
| | I, w, r and s consonant blends e.g floor, |
| | train, spider, twelve, nest, qu(kw)een |
| 6-7 years | r, th |

Speech sound processes

Children go through a pattern of simplifying sounds when developing their speech. These simplifications are called 'phonological processes' and are part of normal development. See below for the most frequent phonological processes:

| Phonological process | Example | Approximate age the process should disappear |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Final consonant deletion | The final consonant is omitted. e.g. bus -bu, sock -so | 3 years |
| Fronting | Sounds made at the back of the mouth are replaced with sounds made at the front. e.g. car-tar, girl-dirl. | 3 -4 years |
| Stopping | Long sounds are replaced by short sounds e.g. sun- dun, fire-pire, shop-top | 3 – 4 years |
| Weak syllable deletion | The weak syllable is omitted. e.g. nana for banana, puter for computer | 4 -5 years |
| Cluster reduction | Words with two or more consonants together are simplified to one consonant. e.g. flower-fower, crab-cab, spoon poon, star-tar | 4- 5 years |
| Gliding | I and r sounds are replaced by w and y sounds. e.g. rabbit- wabbit, like-wike | 5-6 years |

Speech and Language Therapy Appendix 2 Children's Speech and Language Therapy Progress Record

To be used to record speech and language therapy target practice. Please attach to referral or re-referral to act as a record of progress and practice.

| Name of ch | ild | DoB | Setting nam | ne | Intervention Package used |
|------------|-----------------|-----------|---|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Date | Staff name/role | identifie | activity as d in SaLT or intervention | Session notes/progress | |
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| Date | Staff name/role | Section/activity as identified in SaLT targets or intervention package | Session notes/progress |
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