

Supporting Your Child's Speech: A Guide to Milestones and Success

UNDERSTANDING SPEECH DEVELOPMENT



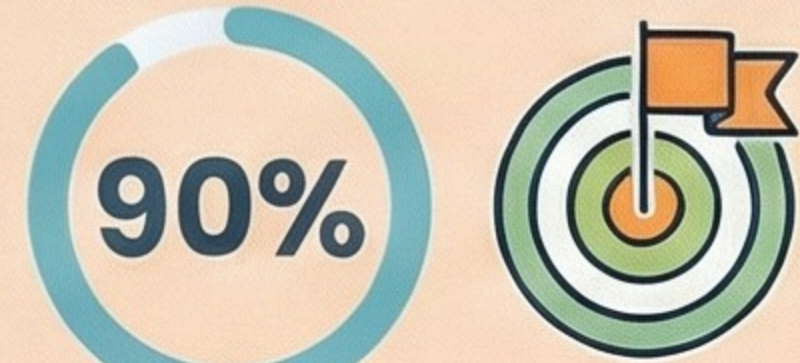
ARTICULATION VS. PHONOLOGY



Articulation is the physical motor act of making sounds.

Phonology is the brain's organization of sound patterns.

THE 90% MASTERY GOAL



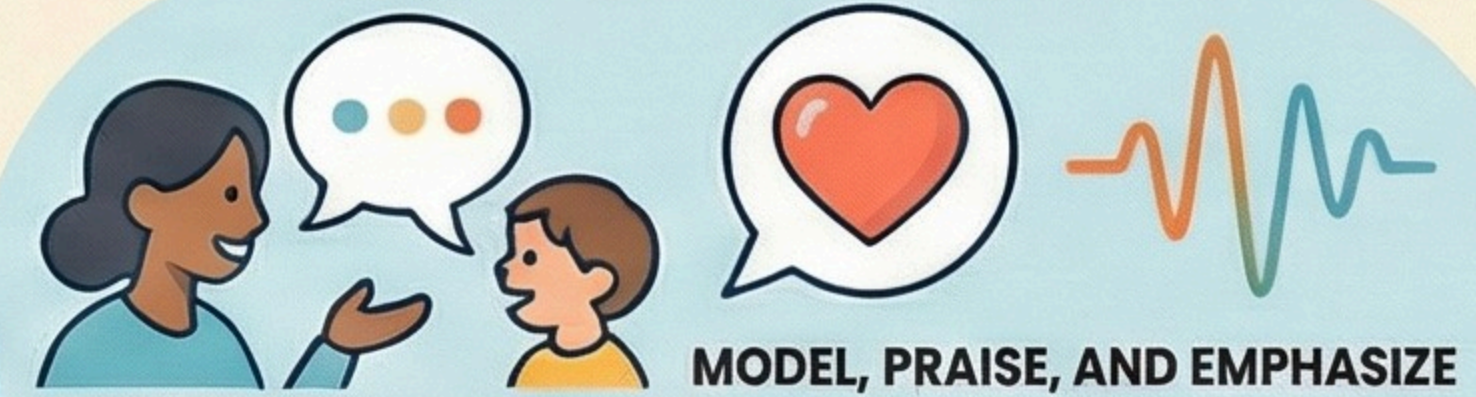
Most children master all English speech sounds between the ages of 2 and 6.

INTELLIGIBILITY MILESTONES



By age 4, a child's speech should be 90% understandable to unfamiliar listeners.

TIPS FOR SUPPORTING PROGRESS



MODEL, PRAISE, AND EMPHASIZE
Clearly model sounds without forcing repetition, and celebrate successful productions rather than criticizing errors.

USE HELPFUL CUES



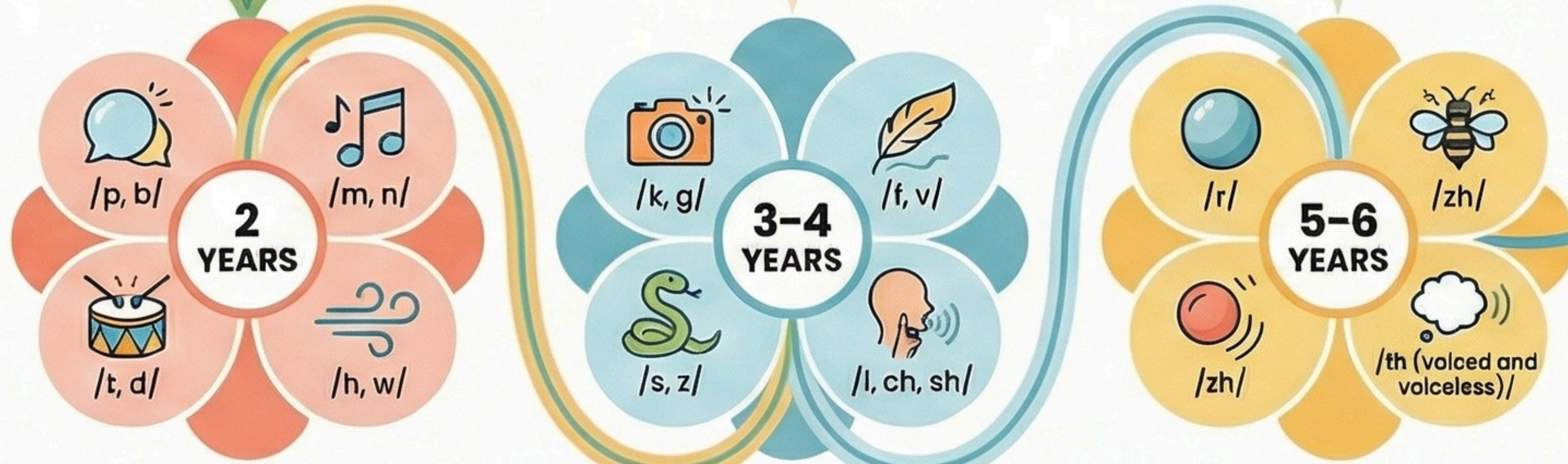
Use verbal prompts and visual cues to guide placement.

CONSISTENCY IS KEY



Coordinate with a Speech-Language Pathologist to use the same prompts across all settings.

SOUND ACQUISITION TIMELINE



Common Sounds Acquired