

Speech Sound Cue Cards

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For the grown-up. Show the move yourself first, then let your child copy you. A mirror helps.



k

as in key

1. Keep the tip of your tongue down, behind your bottom teeth.
2. Lift the back of your tongue. It sounds like a little cough.
3. Practice in front of a mirror so you can both see the tongue stay down.

Most children say it by 4.



The last sound

as in boat

1. Say the word slowly and make the last sound big: boa-T.
2. Tap the table as the last sound comes, so the word has an end you can feel.
3. Say the start, boa..., and let your child finish the word.

Most children say it by 3.



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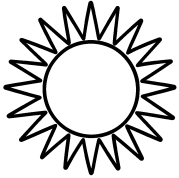
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s

as in sun

1. Spread your lips in a smile.
2. Blow a long hiss, like a snake: sssss.

Most children say it by 5.



sh

as in ship

1. Round your lips, as if you are going to blow out a candle.
2. Blow a quiet shhh, like telling someone a baby is asleep.

Most children say it by 5.



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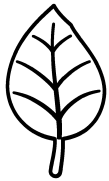


th

as in thumb

1. Stick the tip of your tongue out a little, between your teeth.
2. Blow gently. Saying f for th (fumb for thumb) is a common mistake.

Most children say it by 7.



l

as in leaf

1. Lift the tip of your tongue to the bump on the roof of your mouth, just behind your top teeth.
2. Say la-la-la and watch the tongue go up each time.

Most children say it by 5.



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r

as in rabbit

1. Make a growly bear sound: grrr.
2. Then put the growl at the start of a word: rrr-abbit.

Most children say it by 6.

Cues and ages: MyHealth Alberta (Alberta Health Services), speech sound activities, presented by a pediatric speech-language pathologist. The last-sound age: ASHA, Selected Phonological Patterns. Ages are when most children say the sound, not deadlines.



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