

Parent Information – Dos and Don'ts

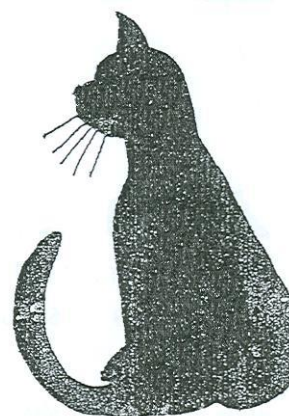
This provides basic information about the order in which sounds typically develop, and some dos and don'ts. Remember that children learn sounds gradually.

Speech Sound Development

p b t d m n w	short sounds made at the front of the mouth
k g	short sounds made at the back of the mouth
f l s y h	long and open sounds
sh ch j z v sp st	long sounds and some sound blends
r th pl cl fr dr thr shr	complex sounds and sound blends

Dos

Be sure always to use the correct version of a word and say this back immediately to your child. For example, child says '*mummy dat's tat*', mother says '*That's the cat.*'



Don'ts

Do not try to teach your child the 'sounds'.
Do not be tempted to use your child's version of a word.
Do not ask your child to say words 'correctly'.
Do not ignore your child. Respond to what they say, even if you do not understand.