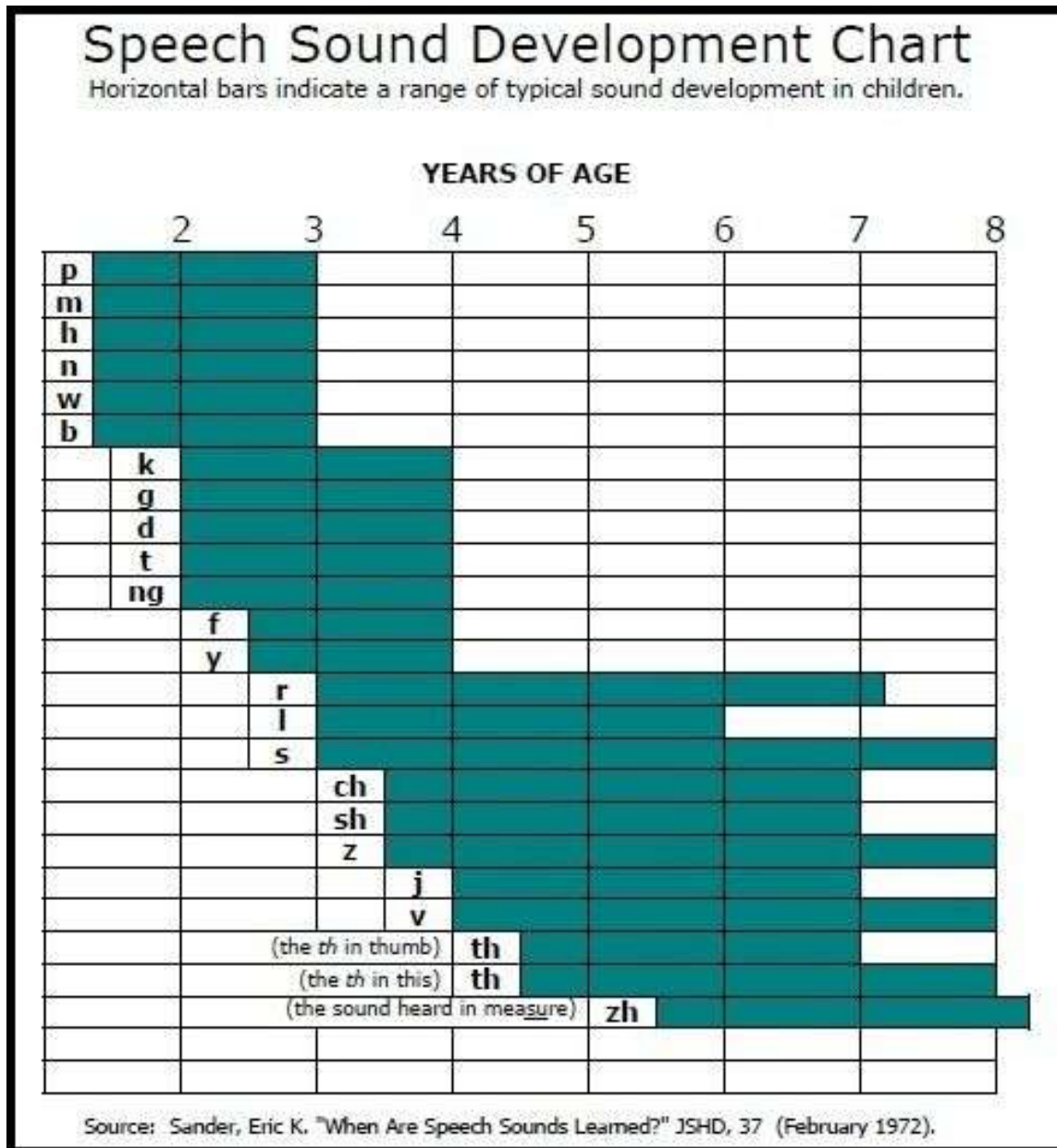




Speech Sound Development by Age

Certain sounds are more complicated to produce than others. As children develop more control over their articulators (lips, jaw, tongue, etc.), they become capable of producing the more difficult sounds. We have included two charts that indicate what sounds children are typically capable of by each age. The studies and charts are a little different, but these are useful guidelines to identify which sounds a child should be able to produce correctly by a certain age. When in doubt, speak to a Speech Language Pathologist as each child is unique.





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This chart includes vowels, which start in infancy, and can continue to develop until age 3. It also has some variation with some sounds, but is overall comparable to the previous study. Some errors a child makes are typical errors for their age, and some are atypical and should be addressed, even if the child is expected to still be developing that sound. Speak to a Speech Language Pathologist if you are concerned.

		YEARS OF AGE							
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