

Saying Sounds

Learning to say sounds properly can be tricky! All children make some mistakes when they are learning to talk. Mistakes are made because talking involves children making complicated movements with their tongues and lips. There are lots of ways that you can help your child to say sounds clearly.

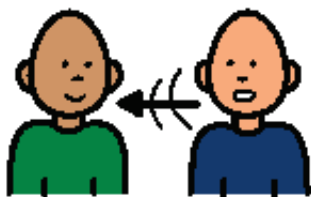
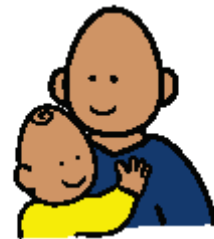
Talk to your child as much as possible. Talk to them when they are in the bath, walking to school and whilst they are playing!



Look at your child when talking to them. Make sure they are looking at you.

How can I help my child?

- If your child says a sound incorrectly, avoid asking them to say it again.
- Instead, repeat what your child has said. This gives them the chance to hear the sound being produced correctly. Try to repeat the sound a couple of times. For example, if your child says, "it's a tat!" You would say, "Yes it is a cat, it's a big cat. Mummy likes cats".



- Show your child sounds in lots of different every day situations.
 - ⇒ When playing a drum make the "duh duh duh" sound
 - ⇒ When eating say "mmmmm"
 - ⇒ When playing with a train say "choo choo!"
- Read to your child regularly. This will increase the number of times they hear the sounds.

If you are worried about your child's speech, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to give you further advice.