



General Suggestions to Help Your Child Develop Speech Sound Production Skills

- Use corrective modeling to provide your child with feedback about the sounds that are in error. For example, if your child omits final sounds from words, you might repeat your child's messages back to him/her and emphasize the final sound in the word. This should be a natural method of feedback. Avoid asking your child to repeat after you.
- Get down to your child's level and be face-to-face so your child can see how your mouth moves when you make sounds.
- Use visual aids like mirrors to help your child see his/her mouth when practicing sounds.
- Provide frequent, short opportunities for sound practice.
- Give plenty of praise and feedback during practice times. Practicing should be fun (a game) and not drill or using flash-cards.
- Highlight the target sound. Occasionally point out when you have made the target sound. For example, "Did you hear that? Sarah has the snake sound in her name! Listen: Sarah"