

As children learn to talk, the sounds they use often sound incorrect. This is because it takes them a while to develop all the sounds of their language and to use them correctly. Some children may take longer than others.

Incorrect speech sounds may make your child difficult to understand and this can cause them frustration.

Here are some things you can do to help.

☹️ Don't tell your child that they have made a mistake... instead... Always accept your child's attempt at a word, however unclear it may seem. 😊 Repeat the word clearly back to your child (Child: "Mummy, a tat"; You: "Yes, it's a cat") so your child hears a good model.

😊 Always be positive about your child's speech

If you are having trouble understanding your child you could:

- ✓ Ask them to say it again
- ✓ Repeat back part of the message - "Going where?" or "Mum said what?"
- ✓ Ask them to tell you some more about it
- ✓ Can they show you or take you there?

