

| Phonological process | Description | Example | Approximate age of elimination |
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| Cluster reduction | When a consonant cluster is produced with only one consonant | “truck” → “tuck” “slide” → “side” “brown” → “bown” | ~4 years; Including /s/, gone by 5 years |
| Final consonant deletion | When the last consonant of a word is omitted | “dog” → “daw” | ~3 years |
| Initial consonant deletion | When the first consonant of a word is omitted | “dog” → “awg” | Never typical; seen in more severe phonological disorders |
| Weak syllable deletion | When the first unstressed syllable of a word is omitted | “banana” → “nana” | ~4 years |
| Epenthesis | When a sound is added between two consonants, often “uh” | “plane” → “puh-lane” | ~8 years |
| Backing | When alveolar sounds /t/ or /d/ are substituted with /k/ or /g/ | “bus” → “buhk” “lid” → “lig” | Never typical; seen in more severe phonological disorders |
| Fronting | When velar sounds /k/ or /g/ are substituted with alveolar sounds /t/ or /d/ | “bag” → “bad” “lake” → “late” | ~3.5 years |
| Affrication | When a non-affricate is substituted with an affricate, “ch” or “j” | “doggie” → “joggie” | ~3 years |
| Deaffrication | When an affricate “ch” or “j” is substituted with a fricative or stop, like “sh” or /d/ | “choo-choo” → “shoo shoo” “chip” → “dip” | ~4 years |
| Alveolarization | When a non-alveolar sound is substituted with an alveolar sound | “shoe” → “tu” “make” → “nake” | ~5 years |
| Depalatalization | When a palatal sound is substituted with a non-palatal sound | “dish” → “dit” | ~5 years |
| Labialization | When a non-labial sound is substituted with a labial sound, /m/, /p/, or /b/. | “toad” → “poad” “nail” → “mail” | ~6 years |
| Gliding | When /l/ or /r/ becomes a /w/ or /y/ sound | “yellow” → “yewo” or “yeyo” “rock” → “wock” | ~6 years |
| Stopping | When a fricative or affricate is | “foot” → “put” | /f, v, s, z/ by 3 |

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| | replaced with a stop | “jump” → “dump” | years “ch” “sh” “th” “j” by 5 years |
| Vowelization | When /l/ or “er” sounds are replaced with a vowel | “apple” → “appo” “color” → “colluh” | -- |
| Assimilation | When a consonant is substituted with another consonant within the word | “ladder” → “dadder” “bub” → “bus” | ~3 years |
| Denasalization | When a nasal consonant like /n/ or /m/ is substituted with a non-nasal sound like /d/ or /b/ | “monkey” → “bunkey” “nose” → “dose” | ~2.5 years |
| Final Consonant Devoicing | When a voiced consonant at the end of the word, like /d/ is produced as its unvoiced counterpart, like /t/ | “bug” → “buck” “road” → “wrote” | ~3 years |
| Prevocalic Voicing | When an unvoiced consonant at the beginning of the word, like /f/, is produced as its voiced counterpart, like /v/ | “fish” → “vish” “sip” → “zip” | ~6 years |
| Coalescence | When two phonemes are substituted with a consonant that has similar features | “spoon” → “foon” | -- |
| Reduplication | When a sound or incomplete syllable is repeated | “bottle” → “baba” | ~3 years |