

Does your child say things like, “My tar is fast” or “I saw the Wion King”? There are lots of ways you can help your child learn how to say words correctly.



Here are some easy and effective activities you can try with your child:

1 Model Correctly

Repeat what your child says but say it correctly. Your child does not have to say the correct form after you. What is important is that your child *hears* the correct form.

Example:

Child: “I need a poon please”

Adult: “Oh, you need a spoon. Sure, I’ll get you a spoon.”

2 Give Choices

Ask your child to choose which word sounds better.

Example:

Child: “Wead me a story.”

Adult: “Hmm, “**W**ead me a story? or **R**ead me a story? Which sounds better?”

Child: “The second one sounds better”.

3 Emphasize

Choose one sound that your child often says incorrectly. Emphasize the correct sound by saying it many times during the day.

Example:

To emphasize the correct use of “s” blends:

- Play familiar games like “I spy.”
- Sing songs like “Eensy Weensy Spider.”
- Read books like *The Very Busy Spider*.
- Look for words or things in your child’s daily life that use the sound, such as “Stop!”.

For more information, contact your community speech-language pathologist.