

Phonological Processes

Syllable deletion

When learning to talk, some children may have difficulties in producing and organizing their speech sounds in words. This results in speech that is unclear or difficult to understand. Speech and Language Therapists describe these errors as 'phonological processes'. Many of these error patterns are common in the early development of speech, however if they persist beyond the age that the majority of children stop using them, then speech development is impacted and intervention is recommended.

What is Syllable deletion?

SYLLABLE DELETION is a phonological process where children omit syllables within words. This can happen at the start of words e.g. 'banana' becomes 'nana' or in the middle of words e.g. 'elephant' becomes 'efent'.

Deletion of syllables will not impact children's intelligibility too much, in fact when children are initially learning speech we often naturally simplify longer words e.g. 'jamas' for 'pyjamas' 'nana' for 'banana'

EXAMPLE.....

WHAT THEY ARE MEANT TO SAY....



WHAT THEY ACTUALLY SAY...



Many children stop
SYLLABLE
DELETION by 4
years

SYLLABLE DELETION SOUND ERRORS

computer	→	puter
potato	→	tato
dinosaur	→	disaur
umbrella	→	brella

