

Phonological Processes

Final Consonant 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 Final Consonant Deletion?

FINAL CONSONANT DELETION is a phonological process or error pattern where children omit or don't say the last sound of a word.

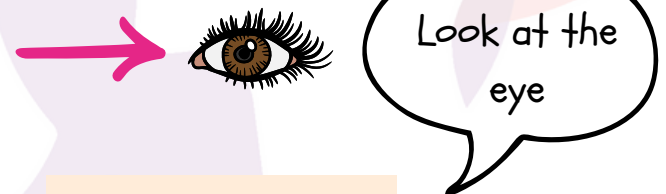
When you hear a child using FINAL CONSONANT DELETION it can be difficult to understand what they are saying. FINAL CONSONANT DELETION can impact on all final sounds or a group of sounds. e.g. 'look at the ice' may be 'Loo_ a_ the i_' or 'Look at the i_'

EXAMPLE.....

WHAT THEY ARE MEANT TO SAY....



WHAT THEY ACTUALLY SAY...



Many children stop
FINAL CONSONANT
DELETION by 3
years

FINAL SOUND DELETION SOUND ERRORS

These can be seen on ALL sounds or just a group of sounds

house → hou_

pig → pi_

moon → moo_

