

# Phonological Processes

## Gliding

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.

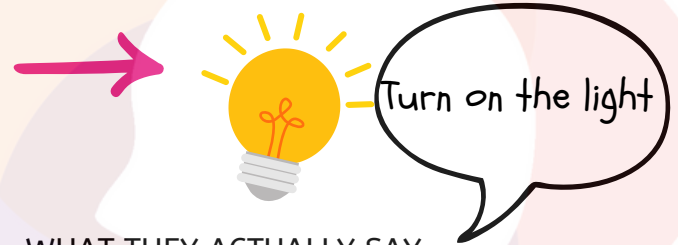
### What is Gliding?

GLIDING is a phonological process where the 'l' and 'r' sounds are produced instead as the 'gliding' sounds 'w' and 'y'

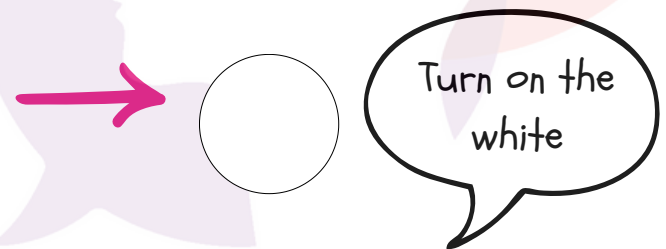
When a child is GLIDING you may still understand them, however the meaning of the sentence will change or words will sound odd e.g. 'lion' will be 'yion' 'red' as 'wed' or 'light' as 'wight'

### EXAMPLE.....

WHAT THEY ARE MEANT TO SAY....



WHAT THEY ACTUALLY SAY...



### GLIDING SOUND ERRORS

r	→	w
l	→	y
l	→	w

Many children  
stop GLIDING  
by 6 years

