

# Phonological Processes

## Fronting

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 Fronting?

FRONTING is a phonological process or error pattern where children substitute sounds that are made at the back of the mouth with sounds that are made towards the front of the mouth. A very common FRONTING error is when the back sounds 'k' and 'g' are instead produced as the front sounds 't' and 'd'.

When a child is FRONTING you may still understand them, however the meaning of the sentence will change or words will sound odd e.g. 'dirl' instead of 'girl'

### EXAMPLE.....

WHAT THEY ARE MEANT TO SAY....



WHAT THEY ACTUALLY SAY...



Many children  
stop FRONTING  
by 3 and a half  
to 4 years

### FRONTING SOUND ERRORS

k → t

g → d

sh → s