

## General advice for children with speech sound difficulties

- Provide your child with a good example of speech.  
e.g. If your child says “dun” instead of ‘sun’, simply say, “Yes, there’s the sun”.
- Emphasise the sounds that are difficult for your child, e.g. “sss-sun”.
- Give praise for clear speech, e.g. “That’s right, you said ‘spider’ very well.”
- Get down to your child’s level and make sure you have eye contact before you model a difficult word. They need to be looking at you to get a clear model.
- Don’t tell your child to say a word, e.g. “Say ‘fish’”. Children tend to just repeat their incorrect way of saying the word and may become upset or frustrated if you put them under pressure.



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