

# **BTT'S PARENT CORNER**

## **SPEECH INTELLIGIBILITY & SOUND ACQUISITION**

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DISCLAIMER: PARENT CORNER IS INTENDED TO SUPPORT PARENTS THROUGH EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES. IT DOES NOT SERVE TO REPLACE THERAPEUTIC SERVICES.

# **HOW MUCH OF WHAT MY CHILD SAYS SHOULD I UNDERSTAND?**

**INTELLIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED BY HOW MUCH OF  
WHAT YOU CHILD IS SAYING WE CAN UNDERSTAND.**

**A CHILD'S INTELLIGIBILITY  
SHOULD BE:**

**~25% AT 18 MONTHS**

**~50-75% AT 24 MONTHS**

**~75-100% AT 36 MONTHS**

# **MY CHILD DOESN'T PRODUCE ALL THE SOUNDS IN THE WORDS THEY SAY...**

**CHILDREN DEVELOP SOUNDS AT DIFFERENT  
AGES AND IT IS BASED ON A TIME RANGE OF  
NORMAL ACQUISITION.**

**BY THE TIME YOUR CHILD TURNS 3, THE  
FOLLOWING SOUNDS ARE SOUNDS YOUR CHILD  
SHOULD HAVE MASTERED:  
/M,N,B,P,H,W/ + ALL VOWELS**

**OTHER LATER DEVELOPING SOUNDS MAY BE  
PRODUCED EARLIER AS WELL BUT NOT  
REQUIRED BY AGE 3.**