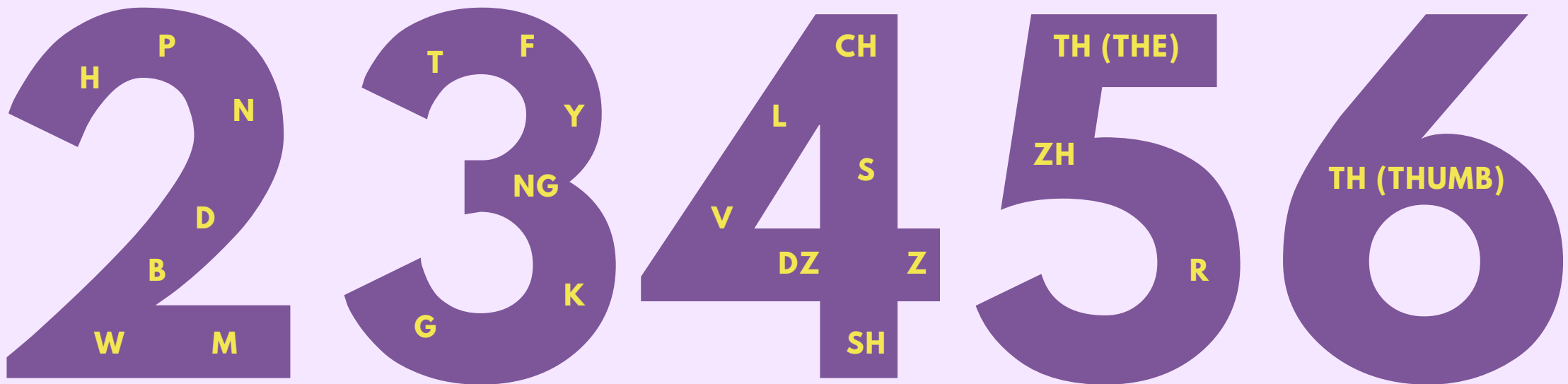




# SPEECH SOUND DEVELOPMENT

A child's speech may be delayed if he/she has not developed these sounds by the end of each given age. If you have concerns about your child's speech sound development, contact CommuniCare for an evaluation.



**NOTE** CHILDREN CAN DEVELOP THESE SOUNDS BEFORE THESE AGES & MANY SOUNDS HAVE A TIME RANGE OF MASTERY.

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How well should someone understand a child's speech?

Speaking in short sentences to a non-familiar person, your child is understood:

- 3 year old: approximately 68%
- 3 1/2 year old: approximately 78%
- 4 year old: approximately 86%
- 4 1/2 year old: approximately 91%
- 5 year old: approximately 94%
- 6 year old: approximately 97%