

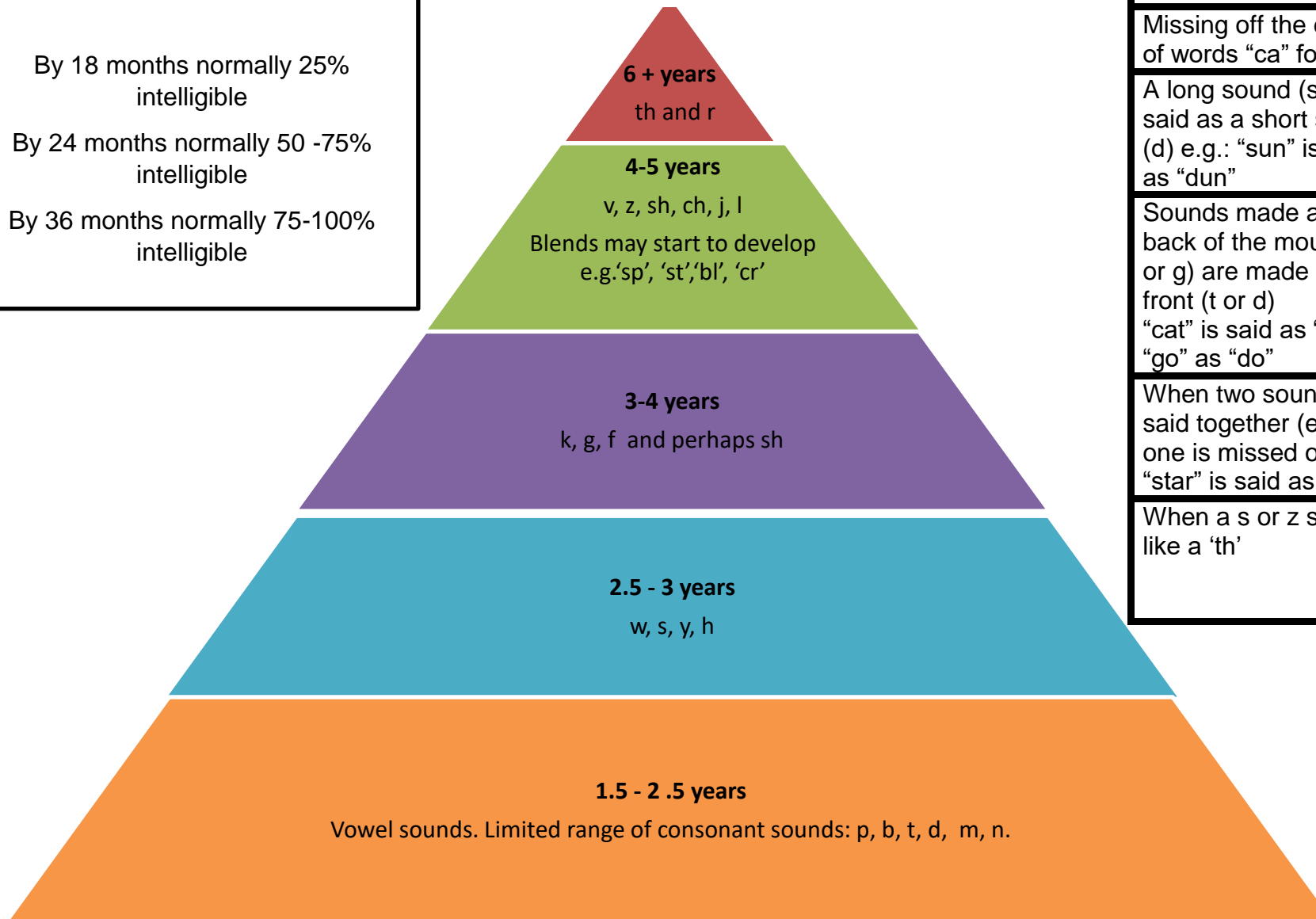
Development of speech sounds.

Intelligibility

By 18 months normally 25% intelligible

By 24 months normally 50 -75% intelligible

By 36 months normally 75-100% intelligible



Typical speech sound errors

Missing off the ends of words "ca" for cat	Usually heard up until 3 years
A long sound (s) is said as a short sound (d) e.g.: "sun" is said as "dun"	Can be heard up until 3 ½ years
Sounds made at the back of the mouth (k or g) are made at the front (t or d) "cat" is said as "tat", "go" as "do"	Usually heard up until 4 years
When two sounds are said together (eg: st), one is missed out "star" is said as "tar"	Normally heard up until 4 ½ years
When a s or z sounds like a 'th'	Can be heard up until permanent front teeth are gained