

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Adults should try to model naturally slow and clear speech when talking
- 2) When your child mispronounces a word during everyday conversation, simply repeat back the word for them with the correct pronunciation (slightly exaggerating the key sound). Do not ask the child to repeat the word; just allow them to hear the correct pronunciation.
- 3) Highlight and draw attention to words and things which contain your child's key sound (e.g. "That word has got lots of s's in hasn't it!").
- 4) Ask for repetition or encourage the use of gesture, pictures or objects if you are unable to understand them, rather than pretending to understand.
- 5) Speech work is much more effective if carried out a little and often (e.g. 5 minutes a day, rather than 1 or 2 longer sessions per week). Try to carry out the activities you have been given regularly for short periods of time.