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Online speech therapy
Ages 2 to 18

PARENT SELF-CHECK

Does my child have a lisp?

Lisps are common in young children. Some fade on their own, and some need help. Check any that sound like your child.

- [ ] Their tongue peeks between the teeth on "s" and "z", so "sun" sounds like "thun"
- [ ] "S", "z", "sh" or "ch" sounds slushy or wet, as if air escapes out the sides
- [ ] They are 5 or older and still lisp on "s" and "z"
- [ ] Friends, teachers or family sometimes ask them to repeat themselves
- [ ] They avoid certain words or get embarrassed when they talk
- [ ] Their dentist or orthodontist has mentioned a tongue thrust or open bite

A slushy (lateral) lisp at any age, or a lisp that lasts past age 5, is worth a check with a speech-language pathologist.

Every child develops at their own pace. A checklist can't diagnose anything, but it can help you decide whether to ask for a speech check, and what to mention when you do.

Book a free 15-minute consultation

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Questions? Bring them to your free consultation, or see articu.link/questions.

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This page is for general information. Talk with your child's dentist or doctor about their specific needs.