

Helping SM Sound Grow Beyond Single Words

A parent guide to establishment, carryover and everyday conversation.

This is a map, not a worksheet to finish. Begin where your child is successful, model without pressure and practise inside real play. An SLP can help choose the right sound, word shape and next step.

Name _____

Date _____

1. Hear and notice

Listen for the sound in playful words. Point, match or choose before asking for speech.

Try: "Can you find smile?"

2. Say the sound or word

Use a word your child can already attempt. Keep turns short and warm.

Try: "smile"

3. Add a short phrase

Put the successful word into a useful two- or three-word phrase.

Try: "curling grey smoke"

4. Use a sentence

Build a natural sentence during play. Model it once, then wait.

Try: "The small frog sits on a lily pad."

5. Carry it into life

Notice the sound in books, routines and conversation. Do not correct every attempt.

Try: "Tell someone what happened."