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# GET Help:

*"I can't understand my child!"*

## FINAL CONSONANT DELETION

Sometimes, children incorrectly pronounce words because of incorrect placement of a single sound (e.g., lisp) or due to a pattern of errors called phonological processes. Final Consonant Deletion (FCD) is one of the most common phonological processes

### SPEECH SOUND DISORDER

- Umbrella term for errors related to speech production

### PHONOLOGICAL DISORDER

- A pattern of errors that affect more than one sound

### ARTICULATION DISORDER

- Errors producing certain sounds (e.g., a lisp)

### Parent Tips for Working on Final Consonant Deletion

Help your child hear the difference between words that have final consonants and words that do (e.g., bow/bone). These are called minimal pairs.

Put 2 minimal-pair picture cards in front of your child. Tell them to close their eyes while you hide a token under one of the picture cards. Next, ask your child to guess where the token is by saying the word.

If they say the word without the final consonant, repeat their error back then say the correct pronunciation of the word.

You can also head to our Teachers Pay Teachers store to purchase Match the Picture: Final Consonants for a fun animated PowerPoint presentation!

### *FCD is a Phonological Process*

FCD falls into the phonological delay/disorder category. FCD is when a child leaves off the final sound in a word. For example: "Bo" for "boat"

FCD is typical until about 3 years old, however; if your child still omits the final sound in words after age 3, it's best to meet with a speech-language pathologist to determine whether they need speech therapy.

