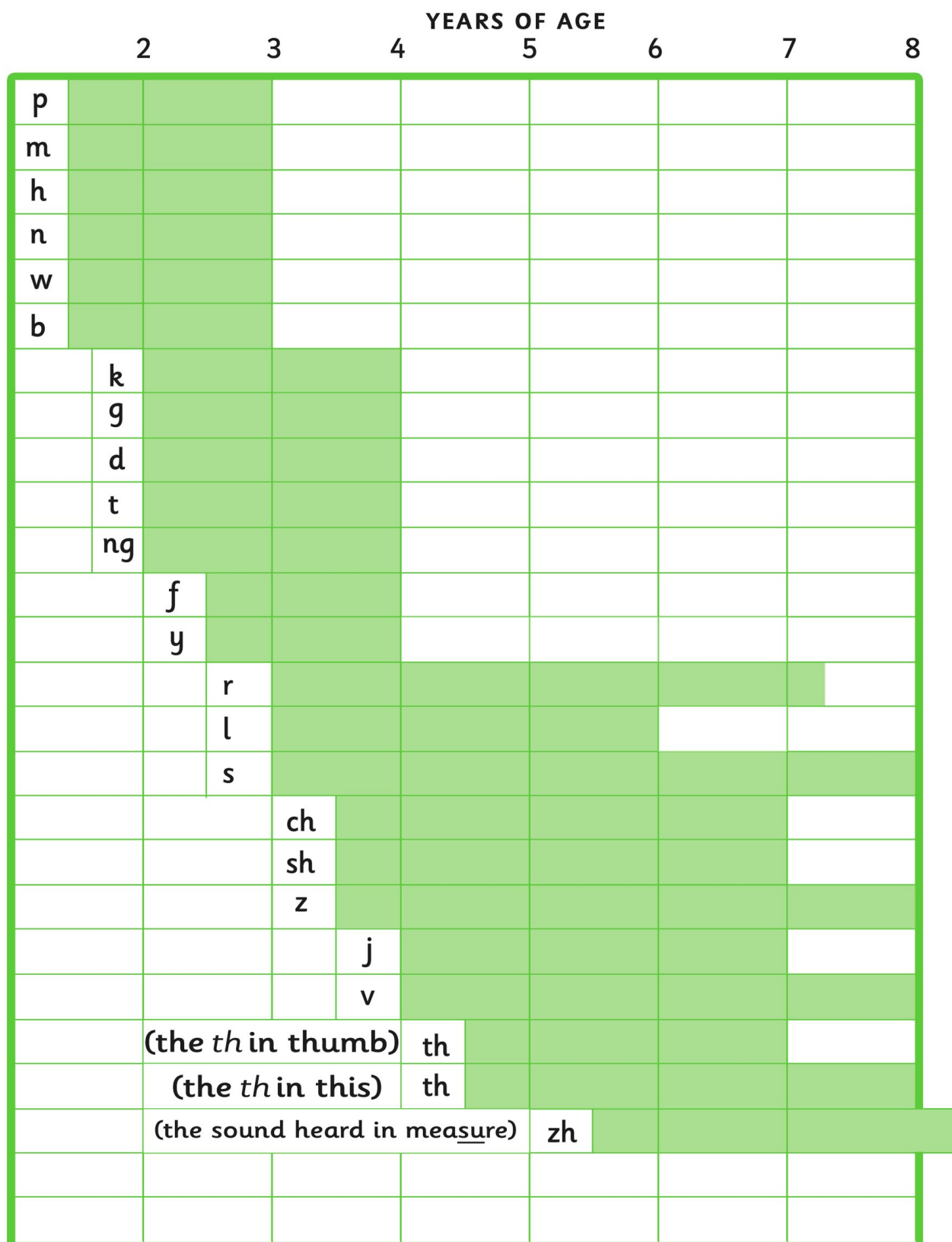


Children develop the sounds of speech over a number of years. This development of speech sounds typically occurs in a particular order. Initially, sounds that are easy to make will be learnt first, for example 'b' or 'm', with more complex sounds being developed later e.g., 'ch'. The chart below is a guide to the approximate ages that most children develop the sounds used in spoken English. Should you have any concerns about your child's speech sound development, please seek advice from a speech and language therapist.

Speech Sound Development Chart

The horizontal bars indicate a range of typical speech sound development in children



Source: Sander, Eric K. "When Are Speech Sounds Learned?" JSHD, 37 (Feb 1972)