

## Key Stage 3 and above (11 - 18)

A young person at this age is completely independent with respect to their self-help skills, including cooking, and organising themselves. All their gross and fine motor skills will have developed although speed and level of skill will continue to develop.

Their language skills are now at an adult level and they are able to fully understand the rules of speech.

However, a young person can have speech which has become more mumbled and appear to deteriorate

It is common for children to leave out "t" in the middle or at the end of words. This does not require speech and language therapy advice if there are no other speech difficulties.

Similarly using "f" and/or "v" for "th". As above it does not require speech and language therapy advice if there are no other speech difficulties

**NB** Boys' voices begin to deepen and can show "cracking" pitch while this happens.

