



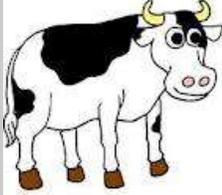
Multisyllabic Word Progression

Key:

- CVCV- acronym for Consonant-Vowel-Consonant-Vowel syllable structure. A basic CVCV syllable pattern with a reduplicated consonant and neutralized vowel such as in the word “mama” requires less organization and motor planning than a CVCVC pattern with sound changes as in the word “puppet.”
- Spondee- list of compound words in which both syllables have equal stress.
- Bilabial- the consonant sounds made at the lips such as B,P,M. These are highly visual sounds and tend to come first developmentally.
- Alveolar- the consonant sounds made by placing your tongue behind your upper teeth such as T,D,N [note: also includes the later-developing L sound]. Some alveolar sounds such as T and D are also early-developing sounds, though some children have a little more trouble with them because they are less visual than the bilabial sounds that are made at the lips.
- Glottal- The glottal sounds K, G, and NG made at the throat tend to be challenging for many toddlers. They require using the back of the tongue to create constriction on the wall of the throat, a tricky task for many kiddos to learn!

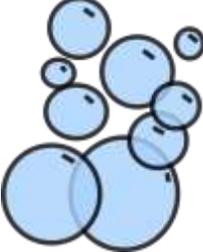
The following chart follows a progression of least complex to more complex 2-syllable word productions:

Bilabial (b,p,m) CVCV Words (neutralized vowels):

 Baba	 Mama	 Papa	 Moo Moo
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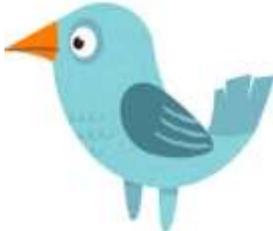
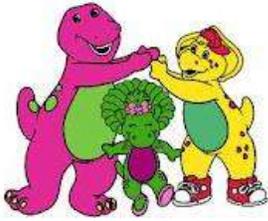


Bilabial (b,p,m) (C)VC(C)V Words with vowel changes:

 Elmo	 Abby	 Baby	 Mommy
 Bubble	 Papi (for grandpa)	 Bu[m]ble	



Bilabial (b,p,m) CVCV(C) Words with consonant and vowel changes:

 Puppet	 Birdie	 Barney	 Pat-pat!
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Alveolar (t,d,n) CVCV Words (neutralized vowels):

 Dada	 Tada! (consonant change)	 No! no! (long o)	
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Alveolar (t,d,n) (C)VCV(C) Words with consonant and vowel changes:

 Daddy	 Diaper	 Ding-dong!	 Knock-knock!
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Glottal (k,g,ng) CVCV Words (neutralized vowels):

 Guh-guh (gulping)			
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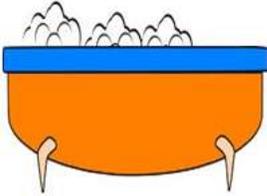


Glottal (k,g,ng) (C)VCV(C) Words with vowel changes:

 Cookie	 Grandma[Gama]	 Kitty	 Grandpa [Gapa]
 Camera [cam-ah]	 Kitten (more challenging w/ final n)	 Okay!	



Compound Spondee Words:

 Hotdog	 Birdnest	 Airplane	 Sunshine
 Highchair	 Toothbrush	 Staircase	 Ice cream
 Cowboy	 Cupcake	 Bathtub	 Baseball