**Common Patterns of Errors in Phonological Development**

*N.B. This is not an exhaustive list. It is a snapshot of some of the more common processes.*

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| **Pattern** | **Description** | **Example** | **Seen in children up to age of…** |
| **Final Consonant Deletion** | The last sound in a word is deleted. | *“cat” may be said as “ca”* | 4 years |
| **Weak Syllable Deletion** | The unstressed syllable in a word is deleted. | *“giraffe” may be said as “raf”*  *“elephant” may be said as “efent”.* | 4 years |
| **Fronting** | The sounds are moved further forward in the mouth. | *“cup” may be said as “tup”.*  *“go” may be said as “dough”.* | 4 years |
| **Gliding** | Sounds from the group of liquids/glides are substituted for another glide/ liquid. | *“ring” may be said as wing”*  *“light” may be said as “yight”* | 5 years |
| **Cluster Reduction** | One sound from a sound blend/cluster is removed. | *“black” may be said as “back”.*  *“draw” may be said as “door”* | 5 years |