



Childhood Speech-Sound Development

Children generally learn the speech-sounds of their language in a predictable order by certain ages. This speech-sound ladder shows the ages at which 90% of children produce English sounds correctly.

If your child or student seems to be missing sounds that are expected for their age, it is a good idea to consult with a speech-language pathologist (SLP). SLPs use this ladder and other tools to determine when a child may need intervention to support their speech production and articulation.



Average age children learn to pronounce English consonants correctly
(Based on 15 English speech acquisition studies compiled by McLeod and Crowe, 2018)

Early intervention is best!

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