

ARTICULATION

Articulation is the production of speech sounds and their sequencing in words. Different sounds are created by using the lips, tongue, teeth and palate. The development of the articulation of sounds is gradual over time. Most children develop speech sounds generally in the same order and at the same age as one another. (Refer to Normal Articulation Development Chart).

NORMAL ARTICULATION DEVELOPMENT

The following is a list of sounds and the age at which 75% of Australian children produced the sound correctly in single words.
(Kilminster & Larid, 1978)

AGE	SOUND	EXAMPLES		
		Initial Position	Medial Position	Final Position
3 years	m	<u>mine</u>	ham <u>mer</u>	ar <u>m</u>
	n	<u>no</u>	h <u>one</u> y	ma <u>n</u>
	h	<u>hair</u>		
	p	pe <u>ar</u>	happ <u>y</u>	cu <u>p</u>
	ng		finger	ring
	<u>w</u>	walk	flower	
	<u>d</u>	<u>dog</u>	ladder	mud
	<u>t</u>	<u>tap</u>	butter	sit
	<u>y</u>	yes	yoyo	
	<u>b</u>	<u>big</u>	baby	club
	<u>g</u>	go	tiger	egg
<u>k</u>	<u>car</u>	pocket	look	
3.5 years	f	<u>fire</u>	teleph <u>o</u> ne	roug <u>h</u>
4 years	l	<u>lizard</u>	yellow	ball
	sh	<u>ship</u>	pushing	fish
	ch	<u>chair</u>	kitchen	catch
4.5 years	s	<u>soap</u>	rac <u>ing</u>	grass
	z	<u>zebra</u>	sciss <u>ors</u>	nose
	j	<u>jump</u>	sold <u>ier</u>	bridge
5 years	r	<u>rabbit</u>	or <u>ange</u>	
6 years	v	<u>vegemite</u>	se <u>ven</u>	stov <u>e</u>
	consonant blends	<u>splash</u> , <u>blue</u> , <u>tree</u> , <u>frog</u>	basket, library aeropl <u>ane</u>	ask
8 years	th (voiced)	<u>this</u>	broth <u>er</u>	With
8.5 years	th (voiceless)	<u>thumb</u>	noth <u>ing</u>	mouth