

Articulation Development Chart

This chart depicts the range that children (girls represented by pink and boys represented by blue) develop and master target sounds. The first sounds babies make are p, m, and b during babbling between 3-6 months. However, the age at which sounds are mastered in “true” words are indicated on the chart below. Use this chart as a guide when you are asking yourself, “What sounds should my child be saying?” If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Creative Therapy Works, LLC.

Birth	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years
		m, p, h, w, b					
		p, m, h, w, b					
		n					
		n					
		k					
		k					
		g					
		g					
		d					
		d					
		t					
		t					
		ing					
		ing					
		f					
		f					
		y					
		y					
		r					
		r					
		l					
		l					
		Blends (st, pl, gr, etc.)					
		Blends (st, pl, gr, etc.)					
		s					
		s					
		sh, ch					
		sh, ch					
		z					
		z					
		j					
		j					
		v					
		v					
		th(thank)					
		th(thank)					
		th(the)					
		th(the)					
		zh(jaw)					
		Zh(jaw)					

Source: Smit, Hand, Freilinger, Bernthal, and Bird (1990). Journal of Speech and Hearing Disorders, 55, 779-798 and the Nebraska-Iowa Articulation Norms Project.



