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## What is typical speech sound development?

Norms for Girls

Norms for Boys

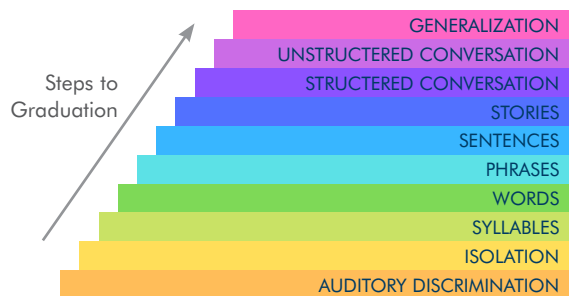
The following chart indicates when your child should start to work on the sound if it is in error:

| GRADE        | AGE | SOUNDS   |
|--------------|-----|--|
| Kindergarten | 5   | /k, g/ /l/                                     |
| Grade 1      | 6   | /s/, /sh/, /ch/, /v/<br>plus any of the above  |
| Grade 2+     | 7+  | /r/, /r/ blends, 'th'<br>plus any of the above |

## The Speech Sound Hierarchy

SLPs typically follow a progression from practicing at the easiest level to the hardest level. It's important to start the level at which your child is most successful, and gradually increase the level of difficulty.

### Articulation Therapy



What Does Articulation Therapy Look Like?

## Description of Articulatory Placement

[CLICK HERE](#) for a description of the correct placement of the tongue, lips (e.g. articulators) to make the sound.

### Resources by Sound

| SH                                 |  |   |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| <a href="#">ARTICULATION CARDS</a> | <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>                                | <a href="#">VIDEO 1</a><br><a href="#">VIDEO 2</a>                            |
| CH                                 |  |   |
| <a href="#">ARTICULATION CARDS</a> | <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>                                | <a href="#">VIDEO</a>   |
| L                                  |  |   |
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| L BLENDS                           |  |   |
| <a href="#">ARTICULATION CARDS</a> | <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>                                |   |
| R                                  |  |   |
| <a href="#">ARTICULATION CARDS</a> | <a href="#">WEBSITE 1</a><br><a href="#">WEBSITE 2</a> | <a href="#">VIDEO</a>   |
| R BLENDS                           |  |   |
| <a href="#">ARTICULATION CARDS</a> | <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>                                |   |
| TH                                 |  |   |
| <a href="#">ARTICULATION CARDS</a> | <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>                                | <a href="#">VIDEO 1</a><br><a href="#">VIDEO 2</a>                            |



## Dentition and Speech

Some children's speech delays are due to structural or anatomical differences in the mouth (e.g. missing teeth, open bite, cross bite, high palate etc.). These differences can also impact a child's articulation delay and would need correction by an orthodontist and/or an SLP that specializes in orofacial myo-functional disorders. Speech therapy alone will not improve speech clarity.

## Ideas For Home Practice

Children need a lot of practice before they can be expected to use the sound correctly in everyday speech. It requires work and effort. [CLICK HERE](#) for some ideas for making practice fun and enjoyable for you and your child.

## Looking for a private SLP?

If you are looking for an SLP to work directly with you and your child at home, [the ASAPP website](#) provides information on services, fees, and a comprehensive list of SLPs working in private practice.

If you have additional questions, please contact your child's teacher.