

# Typical Speech Sound Development in Children

The following is a list of sounds the age at which 75% of Australian children produced the sounds correctly in single words (New England Norms 1981).

Age	Sound	Examples		
		Initial word Position	Middle word Position	Final word position
2 years	m n h	<u>m</u> ine no <u>h</u> air	ham <u>m</u> er honey	arm man
2 ½ years	p b ng w d g	<u>p</u> ear <u>b</u> ig  <u>w</u> alk <u>d</u> og <u>g</u> o	happy baby finger flower ladder tiger	cup club ring  mud egg
3 years	y k f sh	<u>y</u> es <u>c</u> ar <u>f</u> ire <u>sh</u> ip	yoyo pocket telephone pushing	boy look sniff fish
3 ½ years	t ch j	<u>t</u> ap <u>ch</u> air <u>j</u> ump	butter kitchen soldier	sit catch bridge
4 years	l zh s	<u>l</u> izard  <u>s</u> oap	yellow measure racing	ball beige grass
5 years	r	<u>r</u> abbit	orange	
5 ½ years	z	<u>z</u> ebra	scissors	nose
7 ½ years	th (voiced) th (voiceless)	<u>th</u> is <u>th</u> umb	brother nothing	with mouth
8 ½ years	v	<u>v</u> egemite	seven	stove

Consonant blends (fl, gr, pl,pr,gr,gl, st etc) develop after the individual sounds are established.

For example: 's' blends should be correct by 4 ½ years (Grunwell, 1982).



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