

Speech Sound Development

Below is a guideline to the average ages at which most children can produce various sounds:

Age	Sound
3 years	/h/ e.g. hit /zh/ e.g. measure /y/ e.g. yes /w/ e.g. we /ng/ e.g. sing /m/ e.g. mum /n/ e.g. night /p/ e.g. pop /k/ e.g. car /t/ e.g. tap /b/ e.g. bottle /g/ e.g. gate /d/ e.g. dog
3 ½ years	/f/ e.g. fish
4 years	/l/ e.g. lip /sh/ e.g. shoe /ch/ e.g. chew
4 ½ years	/j/ e.g. juice /s/ e.g. sock /z/ e.g. zip
5 years	/r/ e.g. red
6 years	/v/ e.g. shovel
Up to 8 ½ years	/th/ e.g. thing

Reference: Kilminster, M.G.E., & Laird, E.M. (1978) Articulation development in children aged three to nine years. *Australian Journal of Human Communication Disorders*, 6, 1, 23-30.

