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Articulation Development

75% of Australian children produce the following speech sounds in single words (initial, medial and final positions) by the corresponding ages as outlined below:

3 years	m, n, h, p, ng, w, d, t, y, b, g, k						
3.5 years		f					
4 years			l, sh, ch				
5 years				r			
6 years					v, consonant blends		
8 years						voiced th	
8.5 years							voiceless th

Kilminster and Laird (1978)

The Kilminster and Laird findings are the most recent specific to Australian children. Speech Pathologists largely assess articulation development using the Atkin Fisher Articulation Survey which was created at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne in 1996. This assessment is based on the above data.