



SPEECH SERVICES SYDNEY & COAST

SPEECH (ARTICULATION)

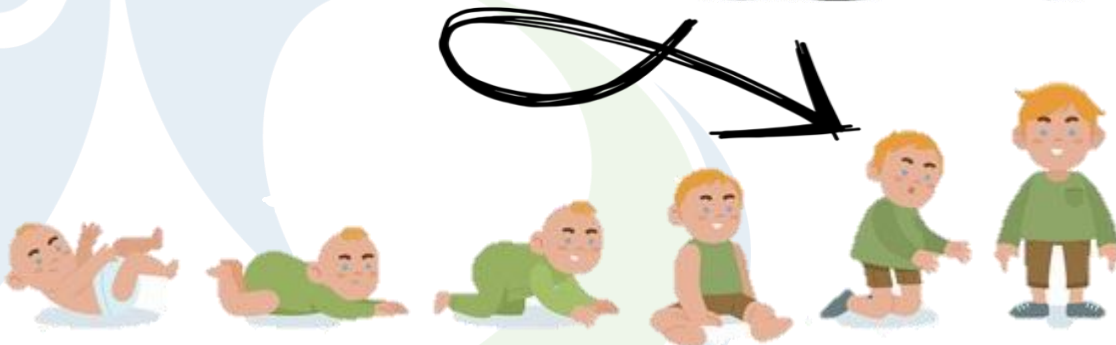
WHAT IS SPEECH (ARTICULATION)?

Speech refers to **how we produce our sounds and how we put those sounds together into words**. As children develop their vocabulary and language, their speech sounds become more precise and clearer to understand.

Speech pathologists work with individuals who present with speech sound errors that are atypical or are not appropriate for their age. Below are some milestones.



Between the ages of 4-5, children will be understood by most familiar and unfamiliar adults.



Between the ages of 5-6, children will be understood 100% of the time, although, not all sounds will be produced correctly.

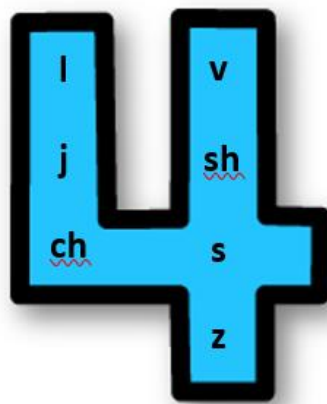




DEVELOPMENTAL AGES

The numbers represent the **age** of the child, while the letters show the **sounds** which the children should have **mastered** by that age.

Some children will produce these sounds but will add, delete, or replace sounds in words.



ADDITIONAL SPEECH SOUNDS

- Age 3: Clusters - /tw/, /kw/
- Age 4: Clusters - /sp, st, sk, sm, sn, sw, pl, bl, kl, gl, fl/
- Age 5: Clusters - /pr, br, kr, tr, dr, gr, fr/
- Age 6: Clusters - /thr, spl, spr, str, skr/

WHEN TO REFER

If your child has difficulties with any of the above sounds beyond the age by which they should be resolved, contact a speech pathologist.