

Learning English Consonants (United States)



Average age of acquisition of English consonants in the United States (50%, 75%, 90% criteria)

The review was based on 15 studies of 18,907 children speaking English in the United States (Crowe & McLeod, 2020).

This information supplements the review of consonant acquisition across 27 languages (McLeod & Crowe, 2018) and should be used alongside other information about children's speech acquisition; for example, typically developing 4- to 5-year-old children are usually intelligible, even to strangers (McLeod, Crowe, & Shahaeian, 2015).

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