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English Consonant Sound Acquisition United States Norms for Children by Age

2
p, b, d, m, n, h, w
years

3
t, k, g, ng, f, y
years

4
v, s, z, sh, ch, j, l
years

5
th (voiced), zh, r
years

6
th (voiceless)
years

- 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).
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