

Learning English Consonants (Across the World)



Average age of acquisition of English consonants across the world (90–100% criteria)

The review was based on 15 studies of 7,369 children speaking English in Australia, Republic of Ireland, Malaysia, South Africa, United Kingdom, and United States (McLeod & Crowe, 2018).

This information 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, & Shahaieian, 2015).

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