

ARTICULATION

An **articulation disorder** is the atypical production of speech sounds characterized by substitutions, omissions, additions or distortions that may interfere with intelligibility. The term intelligibility refers to how much a listener can understand the speaker. In typical development, as children learn to talk, their ability to be understood by others steadily increases.

Approximate Age Percentage of Understood by Parents

18 months: A child this age is typically understood 25% of the time

2 years: A child this age is typically understood 50-70% of the time

3 years A child this age is typically understood 75-80%

4 years A child this age is typically understood 90% of the time