

# The Speech Sound Staircase



When we work on a sound, we follow a series of steps called an articulation hierarchy. Your child must "master" (be consistently correct using the sound 9 times out of 10) one step before moving on to the next. A child must master all 10 steps before they can be expected to use this "new" sound in everyday conversations. It is very important that we follow these steps to work effectively with your child. If your child is having a lot of difficulty, it is important to go back to the prior step for more practice.