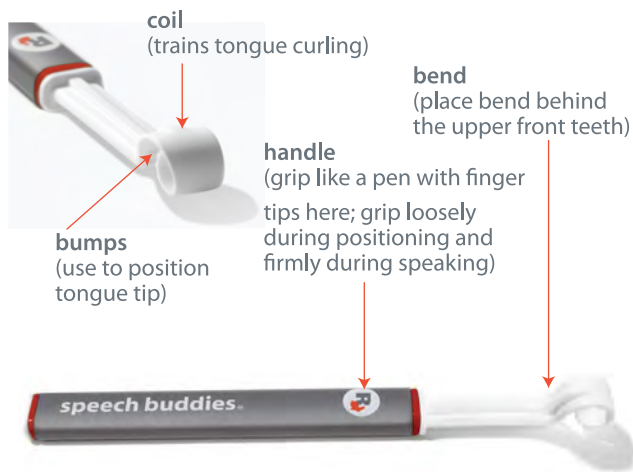




GETTING TO KNOW YOUR SPEECH BUDDY®

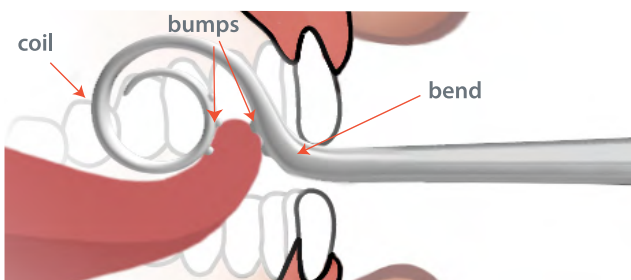
Give the student a chance to familiarize himself with his **Speech Buddy**® by allowing him to handle it on his own. The **R Speech Buddy** encourages the tongue tip to curl up and back in the mouth, a motion that is necessary to correctly produce the **R** sound. Identify the coil and bumps. These will help position the **Speech Buddy** in the mouth and curl the tongue perfectly to make the **R** sound.



HOW TO POSITION YOUR R SPEECH BUDDY

The first step towards proper articulation of the **R** sound is to produce the sound correctly with the **Speech Buddy** in place.

Hold the handle with the **Speech Buddy** logo pointing up and position the coil in the mouth so that it is behind the upper front teeth and centered in the mouth. Hold the **Speech Buddy** loosely in your hand and confirm that the bumps on the **Speech Buddy**'s coil lightly rest on the tip of the tongue. These bumps help the student feel the correct starting location for the tongue. The tongue tip should fall between the two sets of these bumps. Ask the student to confirm that he or she can feel these bumps with a simple yes or no.



R USING YOUR R SPEECH BUDDY

Once the **Speech Buddy** is in place, hold the handle firmly and ask the student to attempt to unroll the coil with his or her tongue tip while simultaneously saying the **R** sound.

If the **R** sound is pronounced correctly, the student will be able to feel the **Speech Buddy** either fully or partially uncoil. If the sound is pronounced incorrectly, it will not uncoil. The student should be able to clearly feel this difference with his or her tongue.

If the student is unable to uncoil the **Speech Buddy** after repeated attempts, reposition the coil by angling the handle or moving the coil slightly deeper or shallower in the mouth; then try again. Once you have found the correct position for the **Speech Buddy** and the **R** sound has been correctly produced, alternate prompting consecutive productions with and without the **Speech Buddy** within the mouth, as needed.

Once the student has become familiar with the use of the **Speech Buddy**, you may encourage the student to use the **Speech Buddy** by himself to build more confidence in producing the **R** sound correctly.

Start with the **R** sound in isolation, then move to sounds in simple syllables, or words (e.g. rabbit, rain, or bird), and finally to phrases and sentences.

It's as simple as 1, 2, 3!

1) Find the target, 2) Place, 3) Speak!

SPEECH BUDDY® IN THERAPY AND AT HOME

Your **Speech Buddy** has been designed by speech therapists for parents. Studies have shown that **Speech Buddies**® can expedite learning. Using them at home also offers more opportunity to practice between therapy sessions. **Speech Buddies** can also be used by speech therapists in conjunction with a therapist's desired approach.

Go to www.speechbuddy.com for more information and tutorials.



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SPEECH BUDDY GUARANTEE

Articulate Technologies fully stands behind its products. If you are not satisfied with your **Speech Buddy** you may return it within 30 days of purchase, in working condition, for a full refund.

We guarantee **Speech Buddies** against any manufacturing defects and will exchange defective items.

WARNINGS

- **DO NOT** use the **Speech Buddy** on multiple students
- **DO NOT** use if the **Speech Buddy** or package is damaged
- **DO NOT** allow the **Speech Buddy** to be used by a child without direct adult supervision
- **DO NOT** use the **Speech Buddy** on students younger than the age of 4

PRECAUTIONS

- **DO NOT** allow student to chew on the **Speech Buddy**
- **DO NOT** allow student to put the handle of the **Speech Buddy** in his or her mouth, it could become a choking hazard
- **DO NOT** wash your **Speech Buddy** in the dishwasher
- To wash your **Speech Buddy**, use mild soap and water or 70% isopropyl alcohol; then rinse thoroughly with water
- Store in a cool and dry place. **DO NOT** expose to temperatures in excess of 110°F (43°C) or below 32°F (0°C)

INTENDED USE

- Exerciser, Non-Measuring

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