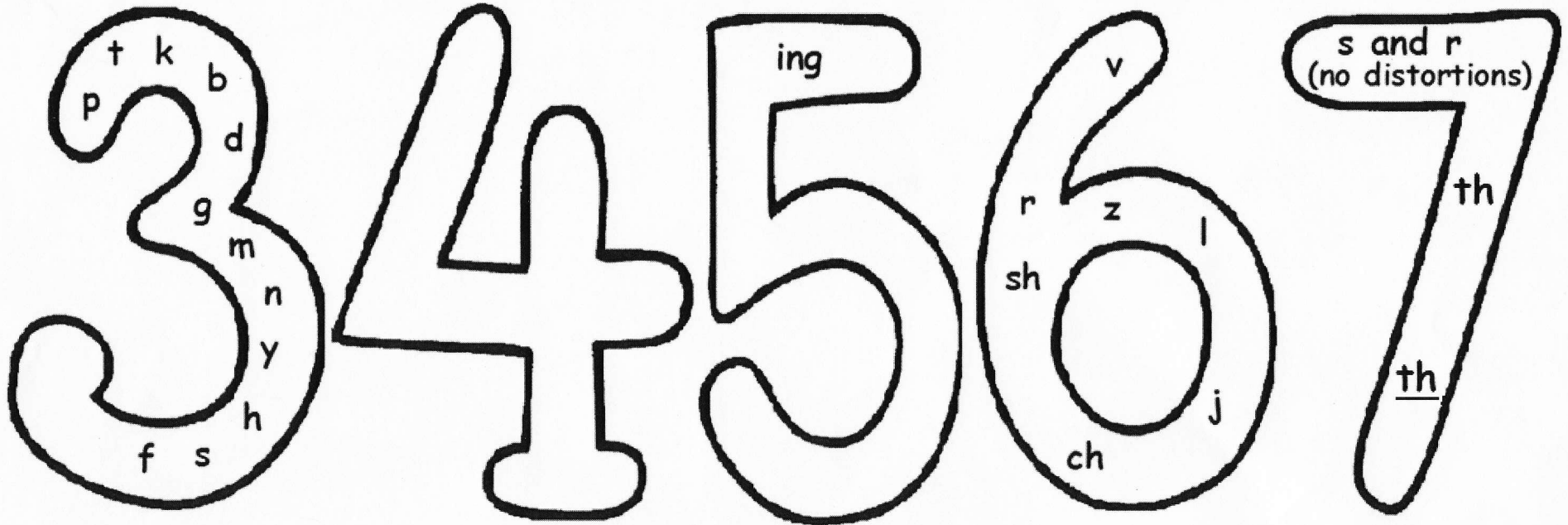


When to refer a student for ARTICULATION
English Speaking



Should know vowels by now
Uses blends such as "st" in "star"

Is understood by family, friends, strangers almost all of the time

Fronting, backing

Produces "th" as in "thing" and "th" as in "this"

Children generally learn speech sounds in a definite sequence. They progress from easy to more difficult sounds just as they learn to sit, crawl, stand, and then walk - in a series of increasingly more difficult muscular coordinations. They learn the vowel sounds first, and then the easy to see and reproduce lip sounds /p/, /b/, and /m/, which involve mostly lip movements. Thus, baby's first words are logically enough "papa," "mama," etc. By the age of 8, children should be able to produce all sounds correctly in sentences and when reading out loud.