

Jane Passy's Cued Articulation

A visual and physical way to support clear speech

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Who is Jane Passy?

Jane Passy is a UK speech and language therapist who developed Cued Articulation to support children's speech, especially when speech sounds are hard to hear, see or say.



What is Cued Articulation?

Cued Articulation (CA) is a speech support approach that uses simple hand cues alongside speech. The hand cues show how and where to make speech sounds in the mouth, helping children to see, feel and remember the sound more clearly.



Why do we use it at school?

- To make speech sounds clearer and easier to learn.
- To give a visual and physical prompt that supports accurate speech.
- To build confidence and communication skills.
- To support children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN), including those with developmental speech sound difficulties.

How does it work?

Each speech sound (phoneme) has a specific hand cue. The cue shows the key information about how to make the sound, such as:



the shape of the lips (e.g. rounded or wide)



the position of the tongue (e.g. up, down or back)



whether air is used (e.g. a 'puff' sound)

Examples of cues in action



p – finger to the lips (lips together, then a puff of air)



t – finger near the side of the mouth (tongue up, quick sound)



s – finger sweeping forward (air through a narrow space)

The benefits at school

- Supports clearer, more accurate speech.
- Helps with listening, sound discrimination and phonics.
- Builds confidence and independence in speaking.
- Can be used alongside other speech and language support.



In practice...

- We use CA during individual and small group sessions.
- Children learn the cues for the sounds they need support with.
- We also encourage the use of cues in everyday classroom routines and learning.

The big picture



Cued Articulation helps us to make communication more accessible, supporting children to develop clear speech, strong language skills and confidence in all areas of school life.



Clearer speech, stronger communication and greater confidence for all.