

# Early readers' knowledge of phoneme-to-grapheme correspondences affects individual speech sound processing



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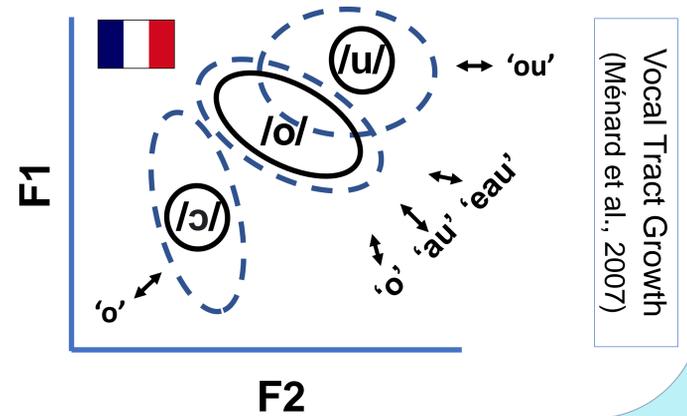
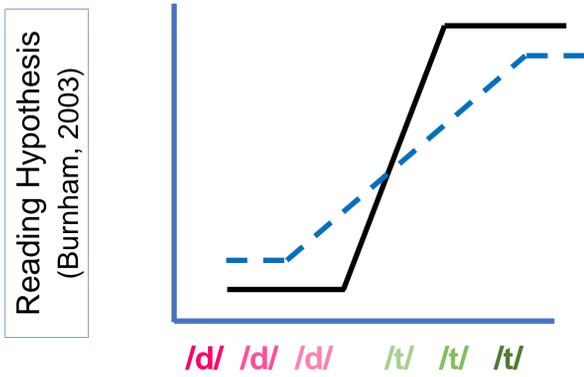
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## Reading Acquisition (RA) affects...

### Speech Perception

--- Before RA — After RA

### Speech Production



## Orthographic (In)consistency

Spoken words with consistent spellings recognized faster than those with inconsistent spellings (Ziegler & Ferrand, 1998)

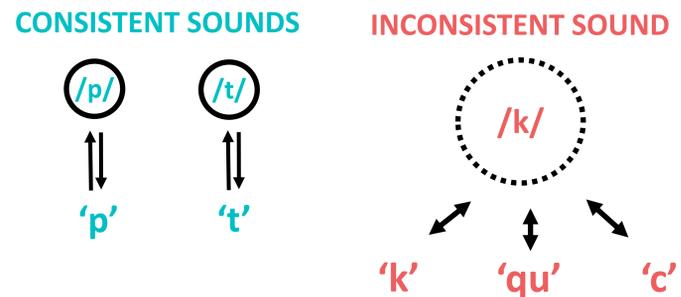
globe vs. goose

/əʊb/ /u:s/

<obe> <oose> <uice>

## Speech Sound Representations

Are phoneme representations malleable?



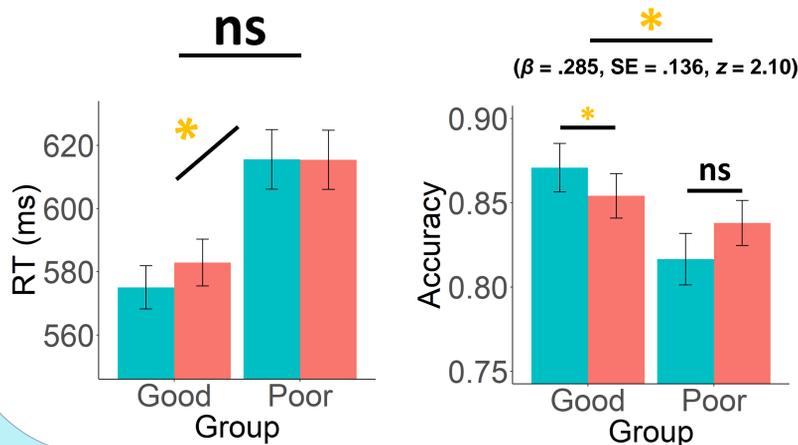
The present study explored whether orthographic knowledge affects already formed representations of speech sounds and hence speech perception & production

## Speech Perception Task

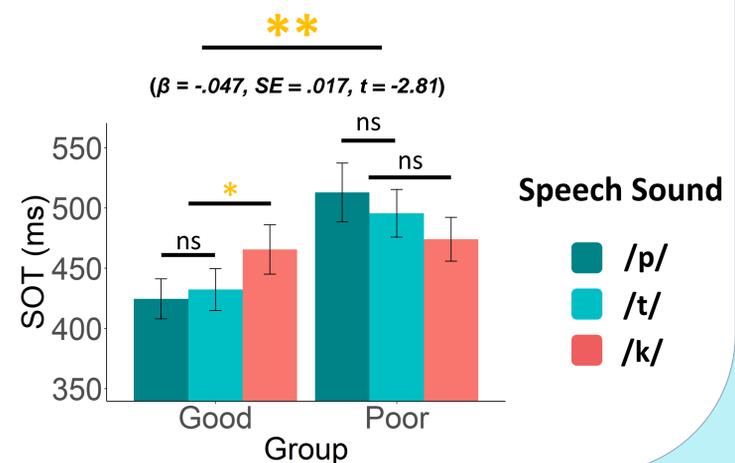
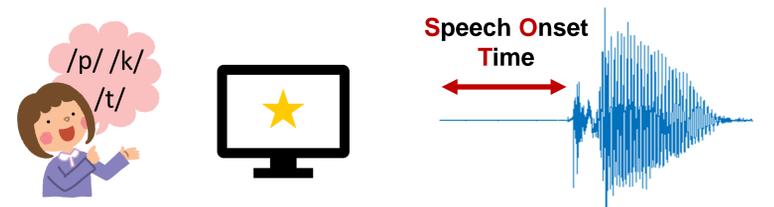
Consistent vs Inconsistent sounds as deviants

/f/ /f/ /f/ /k/ /f/ /f/ /f/

/f/ /f/ /f/ /t/ /f/ /f/ /f/



## Speech Production Task



Already formed representations of speech sounds are malleable and can be influenced by the orthographic code

Orthographic knowledge affects both the perception and production of individual speech sounds in beginning readers

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