Their speech begins with early, involuntary sounds, and develops into sophisticated sequences of movements - using the lips, tongue, and producing all of the sounds in words and sentences. Speech is a powerful tool for communication. To foster early communicators and language users, educators observe children’s development of: Vocalisations or sometimes called ‘cooing’ (sounds that pave the way to verbal communication), speech sounds (like /b/ /d/ /a/ /s/), and. "Speech Sounds" is a science fiction short story by American writer Octavia Butler. It was first published in Asimov’s Science Fiction Magazine in 1983. It won Butler her first Hugo Award for Best Short Story in 1984. The story was subsequently collected in Butler’s anthology Bloodchild and Other Stories and in the science fiction anthology Wastelands: Stories of the Apocalypse. When classifying speech sounds, when characterizing individual sounds or certain groups of sounds, one should strictly distinguish between their acoustic and articulatory features, which in modern linguistics are not always sufficiently sequentially delimited. § 43. The articulatory characterization of speech sounds, their classification by articulatory characteristics begins with the identification of two main classes, or types, sounds - vowels and consonants, which differ in all the languages of the world. The aim of this book is to give the non-mathematically oriented reader insight into the speech processing facilities of the computer program Praat. This program is freely available from Praat’s website at http://www.praat.org and versions of the program exist for all major platforms: Linux, Windows and Mac OS. Besides for the analysis of speech sounds, it is also used to analyse singing voices, music and even the vocalizations of animals like for example birds, dolphins, apes and elephants. Every speech-sound pronounced in isolation has three stages of articulation: (1) the initial stage (the on-glide) when speech organs move to the position of articulation; (2) the medial stage (the retention/hold stage) when speech organs are kept in the position of articulation; (3) the final stage (the off-glide/release) when speech organs return to the position of rest. But in actual speech sounds are seldom pronounced by themselves, they are used in combination with other sounds.