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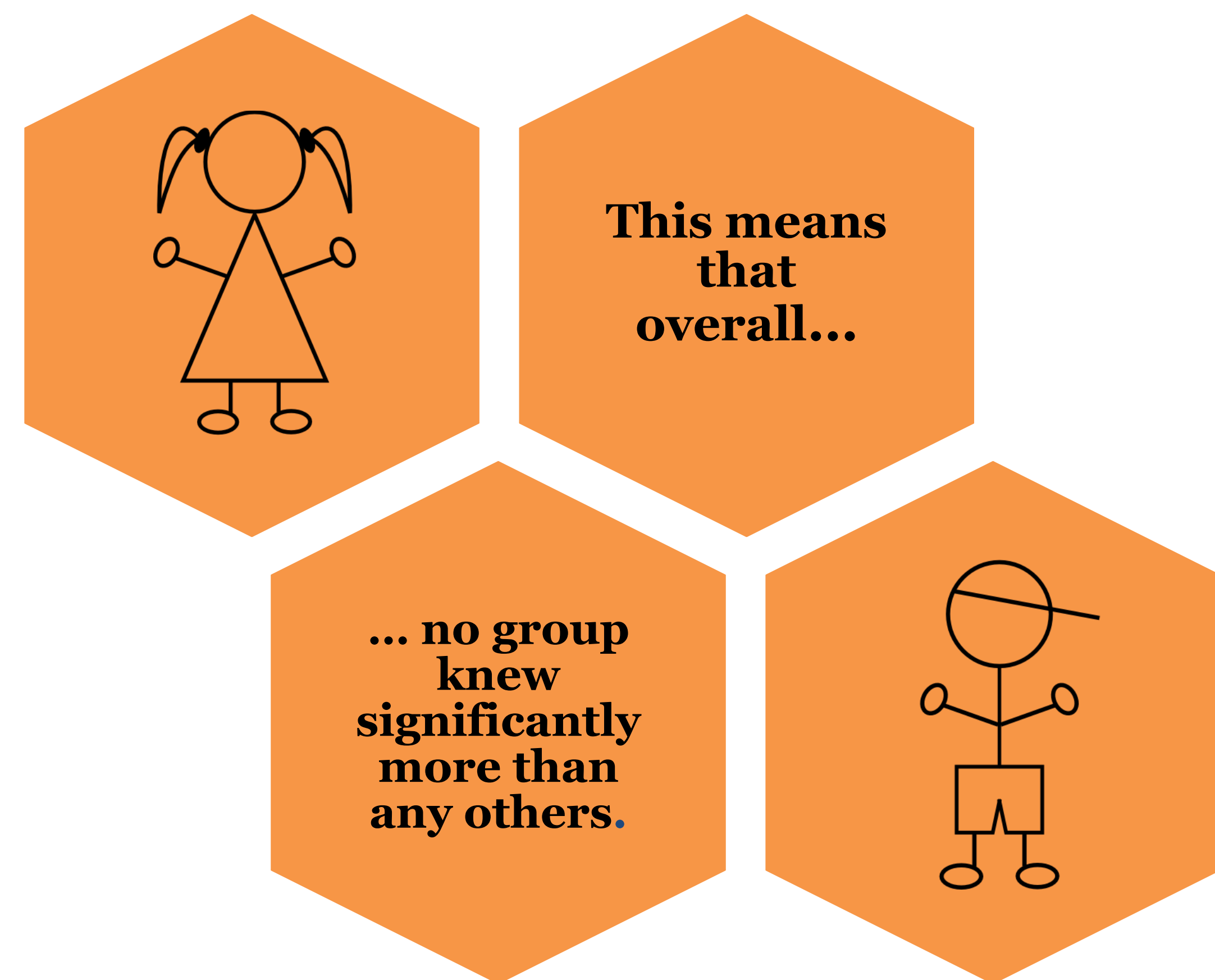
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Abstract

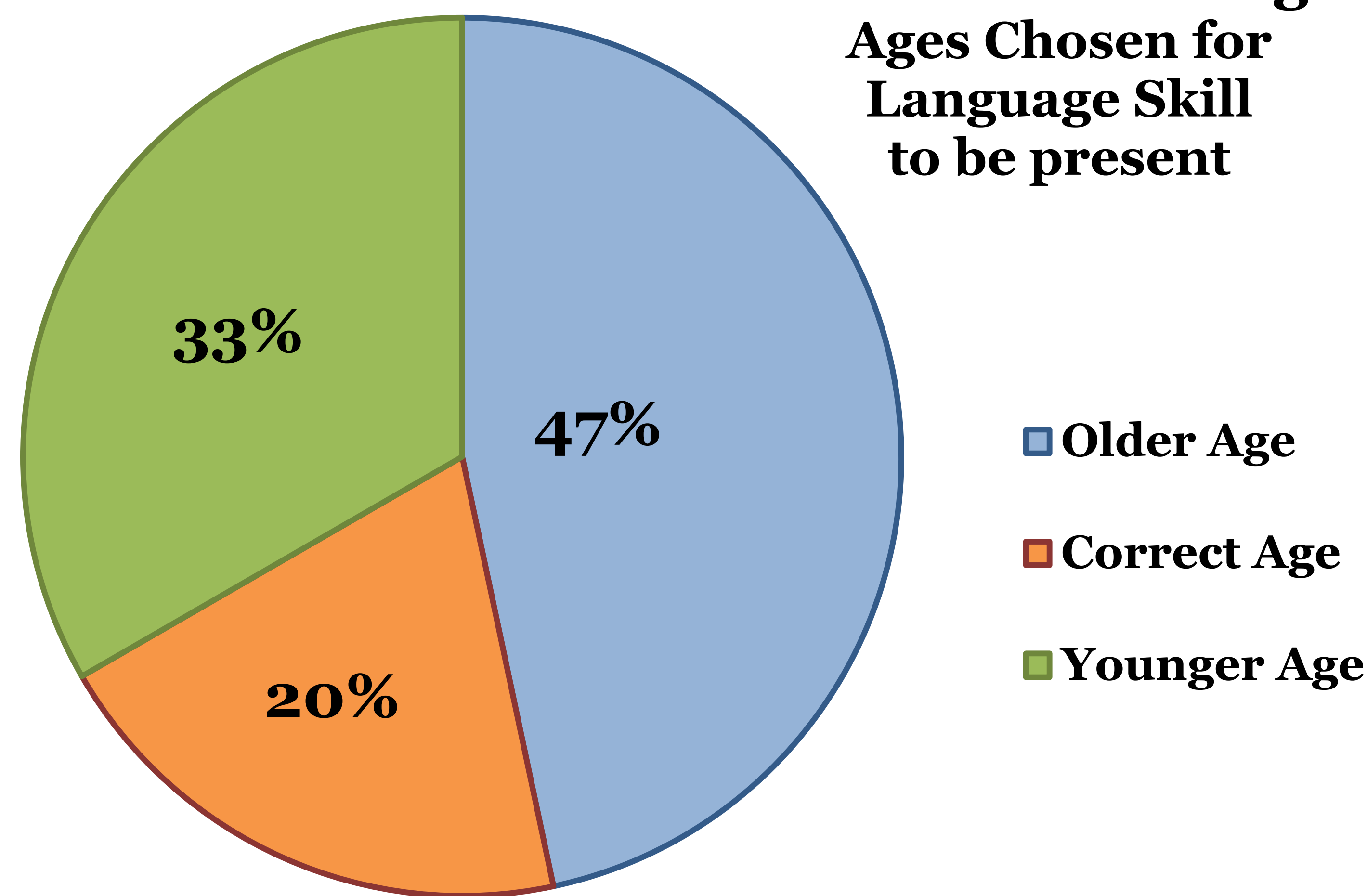
Various groups were sent an online survey regarding language development milestones for children ages 12-36 months. Given a choice of four ages for each of the 15 language skill statements, participants assigned an age at which they presumed the skill would be present.



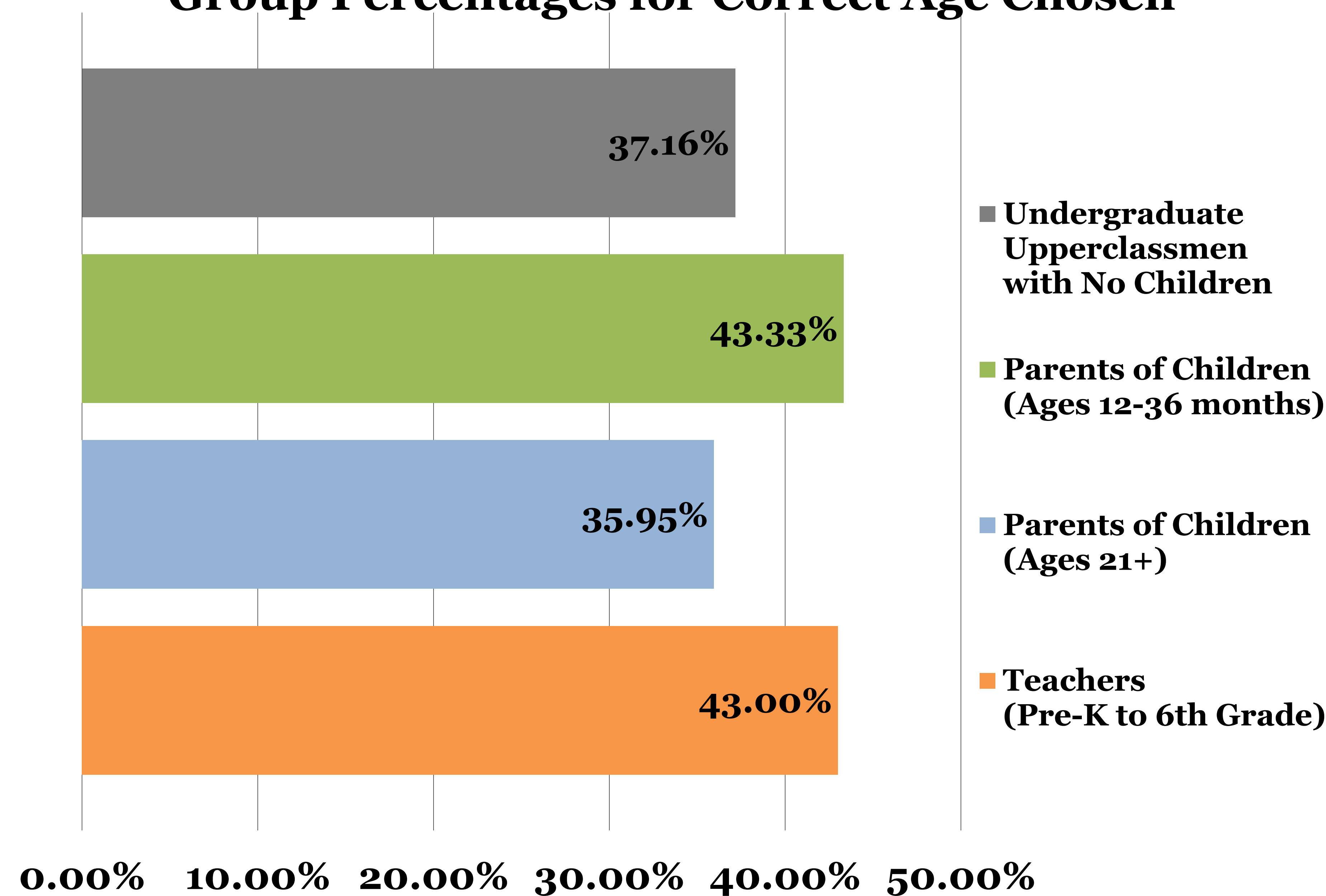
Results

- Survey results correlated with published research studies that indicated parents & teachers have limited knowledge about language development milestones for children ages 12-36 months.
- For 7 of the 15 language skills, survey participants chose a later age of acquisition from that which is considered the typical age of acquisition.

Overall Percentages Ages Chosen for Language Skill to be present



Group Percentages for Correct Age Chosen



Implications

As future speech-language pathologists, we should advocate for, & provide more information regarding language development milestones to give students, teachers, and parents the knowledge needed to assist in early intervention of language disorders.



Limitations

- Possible limitations in this study include:
- Most parent participants were also teachers
 - Little gender variation (mostly female)
 - Most participants had the same level of education
 - Little racial variation (mostly Caucasian)

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