

D Sound Words: Lists by Position, Typical Ages, and How to Practice at Home

What age do kids learn the D sound?

Age band	What's typical for D
Under 2	D may be inconsistent or missing. This is normal and not a concern by itself.
2 to 3.5	Most children are acquiring or have acquired a clear D sound.
3.5 and older	D is usually mastered. A consistently missing or distorted D is worth mentioning to a pediatrician or SLP.

D at the start of words

dog	duck	day	door
doll	daddy	down	dish
dark	dance	desk	dive

D in the middle of words

ladder	candy	puddle	ladybug
window	muddy	rider	body
medal	sandy	ladder	ready

D at the end of words

mud	bed	sad	bird
road	food	red	head
hand	kid	bad	good