

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

N at the beginning of words

no	night	nose	nap
net	nest	nice	name
nine	noodle	nut	neck

N in the middle of words

banana	bunny	funny	honey
penny	money	window	dinner
candy	sunny	tiny	pony

N at the end of words

sun	moon	rain	bun
fun	ten	can	pan
lion	train	spoon	run

Is it normal for my child not to say N yet?

Age	Is it typical?
12 to 18 months	Yes. N is often one of the earliest sounds in first words, but plenty of kids this age are still building their sound inventory. Focus on overall communication, not one sound.
2 years	Still developing for many kids. N is usually mastered somewhere between 1.5 and 3, so this is well within the normal window.
3 years	Most kids have a clear N by now. If it's still consistently missing or distorted, mention it to your pediatrician.
4 years and up	N should be clear and consistent. A persistent problem at this age is worth a proper look from a speech-language pathologist.