

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

What age do kids typically say the P sound?

Age band	What's expected
Around 1.5 to 3 years	P sound is emerging and becoming consistent. Many toddlers attempt it in simple words during this window.
By age 2 to 3	Most children (about 90 percent) have acquired p, along with most other early sounds like b, m, d, n, h, t, k, g, w, f, and y.
By age 4	Later sounds like l, ch, s, v, sh, and z are typically mastered. P should already be solid by now.
By age 3 and beyond	If P is still consistently missing or replaced by another sound, it's a reasonable time to check in with an SLP.

P sound words: beginning position

pig	pop	puppy	pea
pen	park	party	paper
puddle	pillow		

P sound words: middle position

happy	apple	puppy	grapes
super	paper	open	napkin
hopping	puppet		

P sound words: end position

cup	pop	up	map
soup	jump	sleep	stop
hop	lap		