

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

What age do kids learn the SH sound?

Age band	What's typical for SH
2 to 3 years	SH is not expected yet. Substitutions like "t" or "s" for SH are common and normal.
3.5 to 4 years	SH often starts to emerge. Some kids get it in easy words first, like "shoe," before harder ones.
4 to 5 years	Most children have acquired SH by now, though it may still slip in fast or complex speech.
6 years and up	SH is usually clear and consistent. Persistent difficulty here is worth mentioning to a professional.

SH at the start of a word

shoe	ship	shop	shell
sheep	shirt	shine	shark
shut	shovel	shed	show

SH in the middle of a word

washing	dishes	fishing	ocean
washer	brushing	pushing	machine
tissue	sunshine	cushion	washcloth

SH at the end of a word

fish	wash	brush	dish
wish	crash	splash	push
bush	flash	trash	