

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

T sound words at the start of words

top	toe	tea	toy
two	tub	table	tiger
train	toast	ten	tape

T sound words in the middle of words

water	butter	kitty	potato
letter	bottle	party	little
outside	pretty	butterfly	tomato

T sound words at the end of words

cat	hat	boat	foot
coat	seat	light	plate
eat	kite	night	bat

At what age do most kids say the T sound?

Age band	Sounds typically acquired
2 to 3 years	p, b, m, d, n, h, t, k, g, w, ng, f, y
4 years	l, j, ch, s, v, sh, z
5 years	r, zh, voiced th (as in "this")
6 years	voiceless th (as in "think")

Is it normal for my child's age to still be working on the T sound?

Age	Is this typical?
12 to 18 months	Yes. The T sound often has not emerged clearly yet, and that's expected.
2 years	Yes. Many 2 year olds are still building this sound. Keep modeling, no need to correct.
3 years	Mostly yes. The sound is often still settling in, especially in longer words.
3.5 to 4 years	The T sound should be fairly clear now. If it's consistently missing or replaced, mention it at a checkup.
5 years and up	The T sound is usually solid by now. A consistent problem is worth a conversation with your pediatrician or an SLP.