

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

At what age do kids typically say the TH sound?

Age band	Sounds most children have by this age
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 "thumb")

TH at the start of words

thumb	think	three	thin
thank	throw	this	that
them	there		

TH in the middle of words

bathtub	toothbrush	birthday	anything
nothing	everything	mother	brother
feather	weather		

TH at the end of words

bath	mouth	teeth	tooth
math	cloth	path	with

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

Age	Is missing TH typical?
12 to 18 months	Completely typical. TH isn't expected yet at all. Focus on overall communication, not individual sounds.
2 to 3 years	Typical. Most kids this age are still working through much earlier sounds.
4 years	Typical. TH usually starts emerging closer to 4.5 and beyond.
5 to 6 years	Still within the expected window, especially for voiceless TH (thumb, bath).
7 years and up	TH should usually be clear by now. Worth mentioning to your pediatrician or an SLP if it's consistently missing.