

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

What age do kids typically say the V sound?

Age band	Sounds most children (about 90 percent) have mastered
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")

V at the start of words

van	vase	vet	violin
vine	vote	vacuum	valley
visit	van (repeat for practice)		

V in the middle of words

oven	seven	river	cover
favorite	heavy	even	never
lever	traveling		

V at the end of words

love	give	have	live
drive	five	move	wave

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

Child's age	Is it normal to still miss the V sound?
12 to 18 months	Yes, completely expected. Look at overall communication, not one sound.
2 to 3 years	Yes, very common. V is a later-developing sound.
3.5 to 4 years	Yes, still typical. Many kids are just starting to master V now.
4.5 to 5 years	Usually V is settling in by now. Keep modeling, and mention it at a checkup if it's not improving.
6 years and up	V is usually clear by now. Worth bringing up with your pediatrician or an SLP if it's still consistently missing.