

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

Y at the beginning of words

yes	yellow	you	yard
yum	yo-yo	yell	yawn
yarn	yikes	young	year

Y in the middle of words

backyard	canyon	lawyer	onion
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When do kids typically say the Y 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")