V Sound Word List

Bottom lip under the top teeth, exactly like /f/, but switch the voice on so the lip tickles and buzzes.



SOUND
/v/

TYPICAL AGE
By age 4

TYPE
Voiced Labiodental fricative

PRACTICE TIP

Have the child hold /f/ for three seconds, then "turn the motor on" without moving their mouth. That flip is the fastest way to find /v/.

Initial Position (41 words)

The sound is at the beginning of the word.


van


vase


vest


vine


vet


vacuum


valley


vulture

These and 10 more pictured words are in the V Sound picture cards.

1 Syllable

8 words

van	vest	voice	vault
vase	vine	vet	vent

2 Syllables

15 words

very	visit	village	viper	volume
vacuum	vulture	vanish	visor	vowel
valley	velvet	vibrate	volley	voyage

3 Syllables

16 words

video	vegetable	vertical	violet
violin	vanilla	victory	visitor
vitamin	vacation	vinegar	volleyball
volcano	vehicle	viola	vegetables

4 Syllables

1 word

vacation day

5 Syllables

1 word

veterinarian

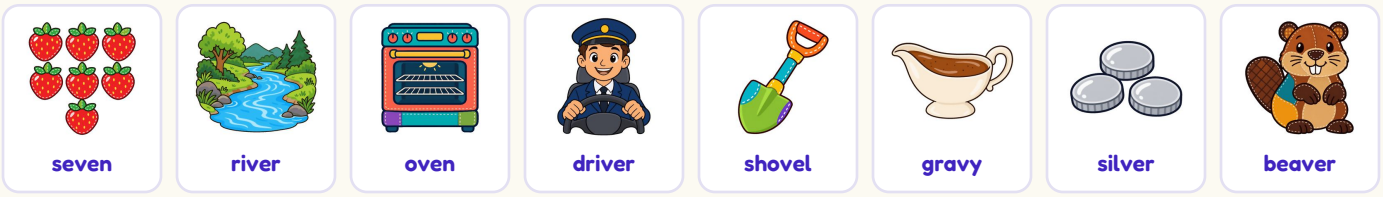
High-frequency initial words

Everyday words rather than picture-card words - which is why most lists leave them out. A child already says these hundreds of times a day, so they carry more carryover value than any noun above. Target them in conversation, not in drill.

very

Medial Position (79 words)

The sound is in the middle of the word.



These and 21 more pictured words are in the V Sound picture cards.

2 Syllables

53 words

seven	clover	ever	oval	giving
river	invite	flavor	pavement	loving
oven	cover	gravel	private	driving
movie	diver	harvest	several	diving
driver	having	hover	shiver	divers
shovel	cavern	invent	sliver	shaving
gravy	clever	leaving	swivel	heavy
over	divide	level	travel	mover
never	driveway	lever	waving	even
silver	evening	lovely	weaver	
beaver	event	moving	wavy	

3 Syllables

20 words

eleven	avenue	seventeen	living room	discover
favorite	envelope	silverware	movie night	traveling
universe	every	souvenir	oven mitt	carnival
adventure	forever	beaver dam	river bank	seventy

4 Syllables

6 words

elevator	avocado	invisible
television	delivery	shovel handle

High-frequency medial words

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everything, ever, everyone, having, everybody, leaving, evening, giving, moving, seven, driving, everywhere, heavy, several

Final Position (39 words)

The sound is at the end of the word.


five


give


cave


glove


stove


wave


dive


hive

These and 7 more pictured words are in the V Sound picture cards.

1 Syllable

28 words

five	wave	brave	curve	serve
give	leave	twelve	groove	solve
love	dive	drive	grove	weave
cave	hive	sleeve	have	wove
glove	move	shave	of	
stove	save	carve	pave	

2 Syllables

10 words

olive	believe	behave	forgive	remove
above	arrive	deserve	receive	beehive

3 Syllables

1 word

microwave

High-frequency final words

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of, have, give, leave, believe, move, five, drive, above, drove

Generalization

Word lists get a sound into a child's mouth. Generalization is what gets it into their life. These are activities where the target words come up on their own, so nobody has to be talked into practicing.

Play-based ideas for young children

Vroom vehicles

Drive cars, trucks and vans around a track. Add a vet visit or a delivery to the route.

Words that come up: van, vroom, drive, move, over, five, give, wave, save, love, have, above, never, cover

Vet clinic

Check stuffed animals for injuries. Listen to hearts, give check-ups, wrap bandages, send them home.

Words that come up: vet, visit, very, give, love, five, have, move, better, brave, cover, save, over, leave

Vegetable soup

Chop pretend vegetables into a pot. Taste it, add more, serve it to toys.

Words that come up: vegetable, very, have, give, more, stove, oven, move, cover, taste, love, leave, seven, over

Conversation and verbal games for older kids

Vote on it

Hold a vote about anything - best movie, worst weather. "Vote," "versus," "very" and "favorite" keep coming back.

Video review

Review a movie or a video in five sentences. "Video," "movie," "have," "give" and "every" carry it.

Travel plans

Plan a trip: where you would visit, what vehicle you would take, what you would leave behind.