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th (voiceless)

th (voiced), zh, r

years

v, s, z, sh, ch, j, l

years

t, k, g, ng, f, y

years

p, b, d, m, n, h, w

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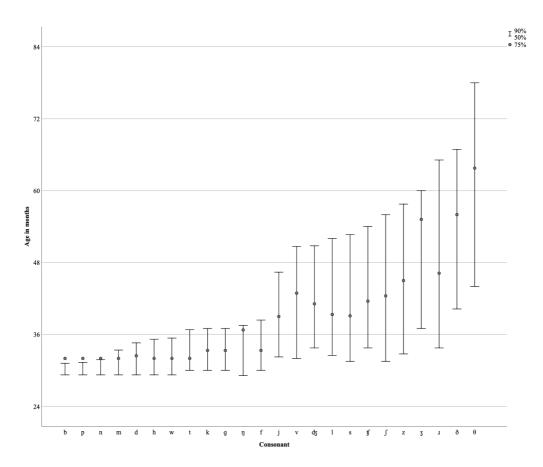
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