

awake [w]

watch [w]

while [w]

away [w]

want [w]

when [w]

wondering [w]

what [w]

far [f]

life [f]

forever [f]

fall [f]

feeling [f]

if [f]

feel [f]

for [f]

hear [h]

hold [h]

heart [h]

here [h]



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forever [v]

every [v]

never [v]

even [v]

ever [v]

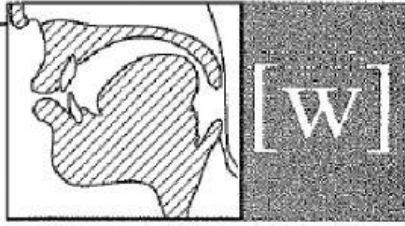
of [v]

Song: I don't want to miss a thing





Consonant sound /w/ as in "work"



Lips: Rounded and in the same position as for the vowel [u]

Airstream: Continuous

Vocal cords: Vibrating



[w] At the Beginning of Words

we	word	wool
was	work	would
want	wait	women

[w] In the Middle of Words

away	anyway	someone
awake	beware	quick
always	between	choir

The consonant sound [w] does not occur at the end of words in English.

note

Less frequent spelling patterns for [w] consist of the letters *o* and *u*.

one anyone queen quiet

hint

The letter *w* is always pronounced [w] when followed by a vowel in the same syllable.

wood will backward highway

The letter *w* at the end of a word is always silent.

how sew law know

hint

Some English speakers use [hw] when pronouncing words spelled with *wh*, such as *when*, *where*, *white*, *wheel*, *awhile*, *somewhat*. They use aspiration and sound as if they are saying [h] before the [w]. Both [hw] and [w] are acceptable pronunciations of the letters *wh*.



Common Expressions

Listen and repeat these common expressions with the sound /w/.

You're welcome.

Don't worry.

What would you like?

Where do you work?

What languages do you speak?

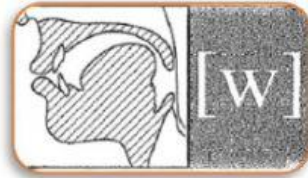
The class meets once a week.

video lesson: Watch the following video about the production of the sound [w].

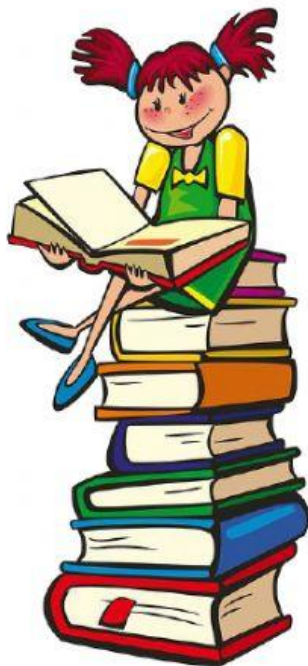
Watch the video as many times as you need it to produce such important vowel sound.



Instructions: Practice pronunciation of the [w] sound with the top 30 most common words.



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| 1. what | 11. would | 21. someone |
| 2. we | 12. where | 22. world |
| 3. was | 13. were | 23. woman |
| 4. with | 14. way | 24. went |
| 5. want | 15. work | 25. worry |
| 6. one | 16. wait | 26. watch |
| 7. well | 17. won | 27. without |
| 8. will | 18. away | 28. once |
| 9. why | 19. always | 29. word |
| 10. when | 20. which | 30. while |



1. What do you want?
2. You're welcome.
3. Where will you be?
4. Walk quickly.
5. Where is it?
6. Waste not, want not!
7. Which one do you want?
8. What was the question?
9. The women are wearing white.
10. Walt always works on Wednesday.



Conversation: "A walk in the woods"

Valerie: What's happening with William? Did you see him this weekend?

Wendy: Yes, I saw him on Wednesday. We went for a walk.

Valerie: What did you do?

Wendy: I said we went for a walk.

Valerie: Where did you walk?

Wendy: In the woods.

Valerie: Where?

Wendy: In the woods. You know, the woods near the highway.

Valerie: Wasn't it cold and wet on Wednesday?

Wendy: Well, it was cold and very windy, but not wet. I wore a heavy wool sweater, and we walked quickly to keep warm.

Valerie: I love walking in the woods. It's so peaceful and quiet.

Wendy: Yeah, it was very quiet once we got away from the highway. There were birds and squirrels everywhere.

Valerie: Wow, it sounds wonderful. Did you spend the whole day in the woods?

Wendy: No. William had to work in the afternoon. I went home around one.

Valerie: What did you do for lunch?

Wendy: We brought sandwiches with us. We stopped for lunch around twelve, and we sat and watched the squirrels for a while but it was too windy to sit long.

Valerie: Well, it sounds like a very nice walk, anyway.

Wendy: It was.



ROLE PLAY

IT'S PURE IMAGINATION



Group
Work



Instructions: Let's imagine you are **William, Wendy and Valerie** and make a role-play about what happened after Wendy and Valerie finished their conversation "A walk in the woods". Please, use the following consonant sounds (**f, v, h, and w**) and develop your creativity.