



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

Airstream: Continuous

Vocal cords: Vibrating



Listen and repeat.

[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.

Notes:

- Less frequent spelling patterns consist of the letter o and u: **One, anyone, queen, quiet**
- The letter w is **always silent at the end** of words: **how, sew, law, know.**
- Some English speakers use **[hw]** when pronouncing words spelled with WH, such as: when, where, white, wheel, awhile, somewhat. They use the aspiration of the [h]. **Both ways are acceptable, however, most Americans do not use the aspiration [h] in these words.**

Listen and repeat the following words:

<u>[w]</u>	<u>[tw]</u>	<u>[w]</u>	<u>[kw]</u>	<u>[w]</u>	<u>[sw]</u>
1. win	twin	6. white	quite	11. wheat	sweet
2. wine	twine	7. wire	choir	12. wine	swine
3. wig	twig	8. wit	quit	13. wet	sweat
4. week/ weak	tweak	9. west	quest	14. well	swell
5. witch/ which	twitch	10. wick	quick	15. war	swore

Listen and repeat the statements with the words with the [w] sound.

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	

Listen and repeat. Circle the words that are pronounced with [w]

Week	Someone	Queen	write
While	Who	Wrong	worry
Whose	Waiter	Reward	Square
Guilt	Unwilling	Saw	Worthy
West	Lawyer	Anywhere	Low



Tongue tip: In the same position as for the vowel [i]

Airstream: Continuous without interruption

Vocal cords: Vibrating

Listen and repeat

[j] At the Beginning of Words

yes	use	young
you	year	youth
yell	yard	yesterday

[j] In the Middle of Words

onion	beyond	backyard
canyon	values	formula
lawyer	regular	unusual

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The most common spelling patterns for the sound [j] are:

- **Y** as in **yet, your, yawn, yolk, yellow.**
- The **i** as in **union, junior, senior, million, familiar.**
- And the letter **u** as in **amuse, music, united, usual, university.**
- Notes: **when the letter y is at the beginning of words, it is ALWAYS pronounced as [j], NEVER as [dʒ]**
- One must be careful with the different sounds of **[u]** and **[ju]** as in the following examples:

[u]	[ju]
Food	feud
Booty	beauty
Fool	fuel



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Listen and repeat. Pay attention to the [dʒ] and the [j] sounds in bold words.

[dʒ]	[j]
1. Did they come by jet?	Did they come by yet?
2. It has no juice	It has no use
3. He became a major	He became a mayor
4. We went to jail	We went to Yale.
5. The jam is sweet.	The yam is sweet.

Listen and select SAME if both sentences in each pair are the same. If they are not the same, select DIFFERENT.

EXAMPLES *You hear* He is young./He is young. *You circle* **SAME** DIFFERENT
 You hear I heard yes./I heard Jess. *You circle* **SAME** **DIFFERENT**

1.	SAME	DIFFERENT
2.	SAME	DIFFERENT
3.	SAME	DIFFERENT
4.	SAME	DIFFERENT
5.	SAME	DIFFERENT