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How to make the sound /r/



- Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. The tip of your tongue points backwards towards the roof of the mouth, there is some contact between the tongue and the teeth at the sides of the mouth, and there is voicing. Target sound: /rrrrr/



B

Sound and spelling



- /r/ is usually spelled r or rr, and sometimes wr. Listen and say these words.

r red ready really right road room
 rr ferry sorry
 wr wrap wrist write written wrote



- Listen and say these phrases and sentences.

- What are you reading?
- I'm really sorry – your room isn't ready.
- I don't know if I'm right or wrong.
- Too much writing makes my wrist ache.
- travelling by ferry
- wrapping presents for Christmas

Important
for listening

- Some English speakers use different /r/ sounds. Listen to some other speakers saying the same examples, and notice the different /r/ sounds they use.



- Where there's a letter r in a word, most people in England, Wales and Australia only pronounce it if there's a vowel sound after it, in the same word or the next word. Listen.

four no /r/
 forty no /r/
 four days no /r/
 four eggs /r/ is pronounced
 four hours /r/ is pronounced



- But most people in America, Scotland, Ireland and the south-west of England always pronounce /r/ where there's a letter r in the spelling. Listen.

four /r/ is pronounced
 forty /r/ is pronounced
 four days /r/ is pronounced
 four eggs /r/ is pronounced
 four hours /r/ is pronounced



Note: The name of the letter R in the alphabet is /ɑ:/ – or /ɑ:r/ for those speakers who always pronounce the letter r. Listen.



Exercises

22.1 Put these words in the correct places, in their normal spelling.

/ru:m/ /'təʊŋ/ /ɔ:l'redi/ /'rekɔ:dz/ /reɪn/ /ə'raɪv/ /raʊnd/ /'bɒrəʊd/ /ə'dres/
 /'rʌŋŋ/ /'rʌbɪʃ/ /'hʌrɪ/ /rɒk/ /'terɪbəl/ /'rɪəli/ /reɪs/ /raɪt/ /'wʌrɪ/ /'redi/ /ə'freɪd/



- 1 Hey, look! I found these old rock in a bin!
- 2 again – what weather!
- 3 Are you sure this is the rock?
- 4 Stop again the weather! We've got to get out to go out.
- 5 A: Oh, no, I've lost an Anna.
- B: I'm sure Anna it!
- 6 A: up!
- B: Why? It isn't a late.
- A: We're late!
- B: Don't wait, they'll wait till we wait.

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Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

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Look at the words with r in the spelling. Listen and put a tick (✓) by them if the r is pronounced, and a cross (X) if the r is not pronounced.

- 1 A: Where ✓ did you park the car?
B: I'm not sure. I think it was just around the corner.
- 2 A: Have you ever heard of square oranges?
B: No, never!
- 3 A: Can you play the guitar?
B: I can play the guitar and sing.
- 4 A: Are we far away from the road?
B: Well, it's rather hard to say ...



Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

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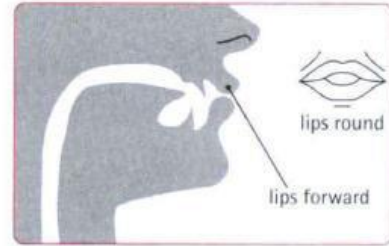
Listen and circle the word you hear. Check with the Key. If you find any of these difficult, go to Section E3 Sound pairs for further practice.

- 1 light / right (⇒ sound pair 36)
- 2 long / wrong (⇒ sound pair 36)
- 3 collect / correct (⇒ sound pair 36)

A

How to make the sound /w/

- B64a • Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. /w/ is like a very short /u:/ sound. Target sound: /wə/



B

Sound and spelling

- B64b • The sound /w/ is usually spelled w, and sometimes wh, and there are some words with other spellings of /w/. Listen and say these words.

w week wet way warm well weather windy away always twelve swim
 wh what white which where
 one language question quiet square



Note: qu is often pronounced /kw/.

- B64c • Note: /w/ is not pronounced in some words. Listen and repeat.
 answer two who whole write wrong

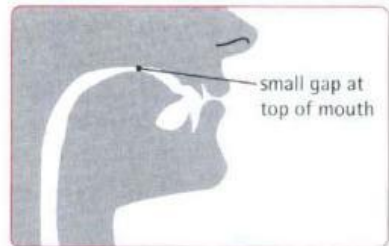
- B64d • Listen and say these phrases and sentences.

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| 1 swimming in warm water | 6 the wrong word |
| 2 twenty-one words | 7 the whole world |
| 3 What's the answer? | 8 question and answer |
| 4 quarter to twelve on Wednesday | 9 Where will you be waiting? |
| 5 twenty-two languages | |

C

How to make the sound /j/

- B65a • Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. /j/ is like a very short /i:/ sound. Target sound: /jə/



D

Sound and spelling

- B65b • The sound /j/ is usually spelled y, but has different spellings in some words.

/ju:/ is often spelled u or ew. Listen and say these words.

y yes yesterday year young
 /ju:/ usual student university new view interview beautiful queue
 Europe /'juərəp/

- B65c • Listen and say these phrases and sentences.

- 1 a young university student
- 2 a beautiful view
- 3 waiting in a queue for an interview
- 4 the European Union
- 5 I usually walk to work but I used the car yesterday.



Important
for listening

- American speakers don't pronounce /j/ in some words like new and student. Listen.

with /j/: Are you a new student? /nju: 'stju:dənt/
 without /j/: Are you a new student? /nu: 'stju:dənt/

Exercises

23.1 Write these words.

EXAMPLE

'jʌŋgə/ younger

1 /nju:z/ _____

2 /fju:/ _____

3 /jet/ _____

4 /'wi:kend/ _____

5 /tju:nz/ _____

6 /wen/ _____

7 /'mju:zɪk/ _____

8 /west/ _____

9 /'jeləʊ/ _____

10 /jɪə/ _____

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Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

23.2 Complete the dialogues using these words.

away few music quarter tunes weather Wednesday weekend west
 wet **when** where where windy yes yesterday yet young

- 1 A: When 's your interview?
 B: It's on _____, at _____ past one.
 A: Good luck!
- 2 A: Are you going _____ for the _____?
 B: _____.
 A: _____?
 B: I don't know _____.
- 3 A: Hi! _____ are you?
 B: We're in _____ Wales.
 A: What's the _____ like?
 B: _____ was _____ and _____,
 but today's beautiful.
- 4 A: Can you read _____?
 B: No, but I remember a _____
 from when I was _____.



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Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

23.3 Match the questions and answers in the interview.

Questions	Answers
What? A wallet	In the town square.
What colour?	Yellow.
With?	Twelve.
Where?	I was waiting in a queue. They were quick. They ran away.
When?	Yesterday.
What time?	Money, keys, cards – the usual things.
Who?	Two young men.
What happened?	A wallet.

Well, we'll see what we can do.



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Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.