



Liquid sounds



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The **l** sound is made with the tongue tip on the ridge behind your top teeth.

Children usually learn to say the **l** sound by 4 years of age.

The **r** sound is made with your lips in a smile and your tongue tip curled backwards.

Children usually learn to say the **r** sound by 5 years of age.



Children sometimes replace **l** with **w** or **y** sounds as they are learning.

They might say: *wet* instead of *let*, or

yawn instead of *lawn*.

Children sometimes replace **r** with a **w** sound in words.

They might say: *wing* instead of *ring*.



Model liquid sounds when you are talking together.

Child: Is it *wunch* time?

You: It's almost *lunch* time. What will we have for *lunch*?

Praise your child for trying to say **liquid sounds**.

It's OK if your child doesn't say the sounds after you.



Talk about **fixing up liquid sounds** in words, and give your child an example in your own talking.

You: That cup is *wed*. Oops! I said *wed* and I meant *red*!

I need to fix it up. Let's smile and curl our tongues back for *red*.

Don't practice mistakes. It is OK to wait until you see a speech pathologist.



Lindy Lizard

The **l** sound is made with your tongue tip on the ridge behind your top teeth.
It is a long, noisy sound.

Easier words: *leaf, lip, lady, little, lamb*

Harder words: *look, lower, library, lollipop, lemonade*

Sing with sounds: Sing a nursery rhyme

This *little* piggy went to market,
This *little* piggy stayed at home.
This *little* piggy had roast beef,
And this *little* piggy had none.

London Bridge is falling down,
Falling down, falling down,
London Bridge is falling down,
My fair *lady*.

Play with sounds: Use l words in your play together



Talk about what you *like*, do and don't *like*, and things that you *love*.



Pretend to be explorers *looking* and *listening*.
Look at the *leaf*!



Make homemade *lemonade* with some *lemons* and *limes*.

Read with sounds: Visit the library and borrow some books

Five Little Lady Bugs by Karyn Henley

Look Book by Tana Hoban

Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus



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Rosie Rosella

The **r** sound is made with your lips in a smile and your tongue tip curled backwards.

Easier words: *red, run, read, write, ready*

Harder words: *row, round, robot, road, wrong*

Sing with sounds: Sing a nursery rhyme

Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the stream.
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,
Life is but a dream.

Round and round the garden,
Like a teddy bear.
One step, two step,
Tickle you under there!

Play with sounds: Use **r** words in your play together



Have a *running race*.
Ready, set, go! *Run* as
fast as you can!



Pretend to be a lion or a
tiger. Hear me *roar*!



Make a *robot* out of old
boxes. What can your
robot do?

Read with sounds: Visit the library and borrow some books

The Big Road Race by Jan and Stan Berenstain

Little Red Riding Hood, any variation

The Wrong Book by Nick Bland