



Tips and Tricks

"The Singing Sound"

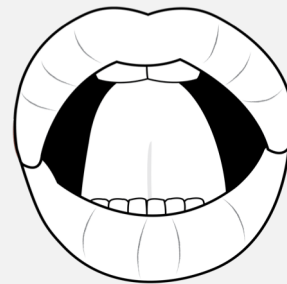


Young kids may remember a sound better when you associate the sound with a familiar image.

Tips and Tricks

If the "L" is sounding more like a "Y" sound, make sure just the tongue tip is up! The tongue should not be flat when it touches the top of the mouth. If the "L" is sounding more like a "W" sound, remind your child to not use rounded lips and to keep his/her tongue up. Practice making the "L" sound while smiling to reduce lip rounding.

How to Make the "L" Sound



The "L" sound is made by sticking the tongue tip just behind the front teeth, but not touching them. The sides of the tongue are not touching anything else in the mouth. The air travels around the tongue and out the sides of the mouth. The lips should be slightly open and not rounded. The voice ("buzzer") is on when saying the "L" sound.

Time to Practice

Take time to practice for a few minutes every day. Just 5-10 minutes each day can help your child make steady progress. Try reading a book and finding all of the words or pictures with an "L" sound. Practice being a singer - La La La!!! Sneak in some practice when you play together with your children's toys. Name the toys with "L" names - Larry, Lisa, Lucy!