



**All about the /L/ sound**

→ The /L/ sound is made by lifting the tip of the tongue to the roof of your mouth right behind your two front teeth. The mouth is in an open position. This is the ‘singing’ sound “la la la la.”

**Some common errors for the /L/ sound**

→ Some children use a /w/ for /L/ (“deaw” for “deal”)

**Awareness to develop a child’s recognition of the /L/ sound in everyday conversations**

→ Emphasize the /L/ sound in your speech.

Example: Adult: “Jill is coming over. Jill’s name has an ‘LLL’ sound. Listen, Jill.”

For older children, provide the sound’s name too: “Jill ends with L.”

→ Emphasize /L/ words within the child’s speech.

Example: Child: “The bew is too loud.” Adult: “Bew? Oh, you mean bell. Yes, that bell is loud.”

**Cue child’s production of /L/ using corrective feedback strategies in everyday conversations**

Child says: “toow” (for tool)

Adult responds with a strategy that best fits the moment:

*Provide a good Model of the word by saying it again slowly and clearly:* “Toolll.”

*Provide a Visual Cue:* Point to mouth and emphasize the /L/ sound as you say “Toolll.”

*Provide a Verbal Cue:* “Listen to the /L/ sound. Toolll. I use my tongue to make a /L/.

Let me see your tongue as you say toolll.”

*Provide Feedback:* “I heard the /w/ sound when you said toolll.”

*Communication Breakdown:* “Toow? I don’t know what that is. Oh, toolll.”

**Target Sound Practice designed to give children many opportunities to say the /L/ correctly**

Learning speech sounds takes practice. The speech/language pathologist will assign one targeted speech sound for the child to work on each week. Find a quiet, consistent time each day to practice with the child.

**Activity One: Awareness Activities for /L/ before Target Sound Practice**

→ Use the Listening List (below) to heighten awareness of the /L/ before target sound practice sessions.

**Activity Two: Target Sound Practice for /L/ with words and picture cards**

→ Use the Target Sound Picture Cards (next page) and activities to give the child many opportunities to practice saying the /L/ sound correctly in words. Provide the child with feedback on how he/she is doing as they practice (e.g. “Great Job!”, “That was close, say it again after me.”)

**Cueing strategies to get correct production of /L/ during Target Sound Practice**

Child says: “naiw” (for nail)

→ Say, “Let’s try that again. Nailll.”

→ Point to your tongue. Say “Watch me. Nailll.”

→ Point to your tongue. Say “Let your tongue peek out and say Nailll.”

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## Listening List /L/ at the End

Say these words to your child. Have them watch and listen without repeating the word.

exhale

well

frail

girl

fail

scale

flail

bale

gale

tell

rail

sell



Target Sound Practice Cards

hill



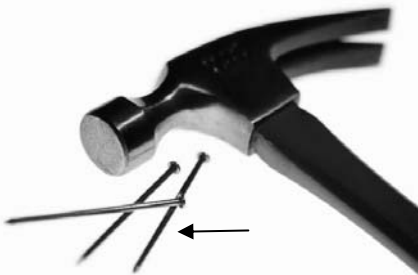
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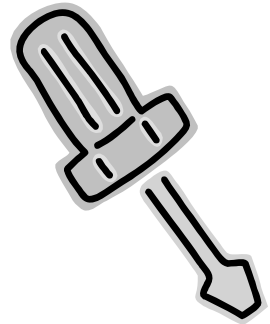
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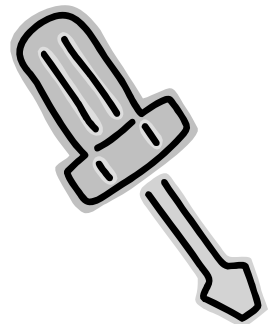
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## Carrying over Target Sound Practice to other Times of the Day

Cut apart the cards below. Put these cards in different places in your home, in the childcare and/or school. This allows the child practice throughout the day and helps remind us the importance of using good speech skills all the time, not just at practice time. It also helps transfer correct productions into other environments, with other people, and in other word contexts. Examples of places to put these cards are:

on the bathroom mirror  
on the refrigerator  
in the car during travel

on his/her cubbie at daycare/school  
on the doorway leaving the classroom  
on his/her pillow to say before bed

Ask me to say these words: tail pail sail nail	Ask me to say these words: tail pail sail nail
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**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **SOUND PROBE – L at the End of Words**

Please complete this after you have finished the entire home program with your child. You will complete a different sound probe for each set of target words you were given. This will give the speech/language pathologist an idea of how well the target sounds transferred to words that were not practiced by your child.

Instructions:

- Say these words as naturally as possible to your child
- Have your child repeat these words after you
- Listen only for the target sounds that were practiced
- Check the appropriate box next to each word

	Correct	Incorrect
<b>P<u>ILL</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>W<u>ILL</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>M<u>AIL</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>VE<u>IL</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SPE<u>LL</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use this area to provide specific comments or questions about progress: