

CHAPTER THREE

[v] [w] [r] [l]

Introduction

[v] This sound is a voiced sound. Your top teeth touch your bottom lip.

[w] This sound is a voiced sound. Your lips are tightly rounded but not tense. Don't let your teeth touch your lip.

[r] Your tongue is curved. The back of your tongue is higher than the front, but the tip of your tongue curls up just a little. The tip of your tongue shouldn't touch your teeth or any other part of your mouth.

[l] The tip of your tongue makes contact with the roof of your mouth, just behind your top front teeth. You should be able to feel air on either side of your tongue.

Focus and Difficulty

1. To distinguish [v] and [w], [r] and [l]
2. To pronounce [v] [w] [r] [l] clearly and correctly
3. To pronounce [v] [w] [r] [l] in words clearly and correctly
4. To read the stories loudly, clearly and emotionally

I . Case Study

✱ Word Pairs — Read and Distinguish

[v] vs. [w]

vine	wine	veil	whale
view	wheel	avoid	award
available	awake	invest	inwind
vivid	wavy	travel	toward
vegetable	website	versatile	worthwhile

[r] vs. [l]

rock	lock	risk	lick
arouse	aloud	starry	scarlet
reef	leaf	berry	belly
crime	climb	bowling	boring
library	similarly	frank	blank

✱ Writings — Read and Appreciate — Stories

The Wise Old Man

There was once a widower who had two bright, young daughters who were so curious about everything that they kept asking questions. Questions, questions, questions. And though their father was able to answer some of their questions, there were many that he just couldn't answer. And he began to feel that they needed someone who could. So he decided to send them to live with the wise old man who lived on the hill, which was what they did in those days.

So off went the two girls to live with the wise old man who lived on the hill. And they continued to ask questions. Questions, questions, questions. But unlike their father, the wise old man always had an answer. He could answer every single question they asked.

At first, this was delightful. But as time went by, the girls began to find it a little irritating that, no matter what they asked, the old man always had an answer. And as

time went by some more, they began to find it very irritating. So they began to search for ways to catch him out.

One day, the elder sister ran up to her younger sister with a beautiful, bright blue butterfly in her hands. "I've got this great idea," she said. "I've just found this butterfly, and I thought I'd hide it in my hands and go and ask the old man whether it's alive or dead. If he says it's dead, I'll open my hands and let it fly out. If he says it's alive, I'll give a quick, hard squeeze and open my hands and say 'Wrong, it's dead!' So whatever he says, he can't win." "Brilliant!" said her sister, and off they went to find the wise old man.

Eventually they found him, sitting on a rock under a big tree. The girls rushed up. "Oh wise old man," said the sister with a butterfly, "I've got this butterfly in my hands, and I want you to tell me if it's alive or dead."

The wise old man looked at the two sisters for a moment and thought. Then he smiled. "My dears," he said, "the butterfly is in your hands."

Notes

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| [1] widower | <i>n.</i> | 鳏夫 |
| [2] irritating | <i>adj.</i> | 生气的,愤怒的 |
| [3] catch sb. out | | 显出某人无知或使某人犯错误 |
| [4] butterfly | <i>n.</i> | 蝴蝶 |
| [5] squeeze | <i>n. v.</i> | 挤,榨,捏 |
| [6] brilliant | <i>adj.</i> | 聪明的 |
| [7] eventually | <i>adv.</i> | 最后,终于 |
| [8] in sb's hands | | 在某人的支配、控制中 |

A Child's Angel

Once upon a time there was a child ready to be born. So one day he asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

God replied, "Among the many angels, I chose one for you. She will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

But the child wasn't sure he really wanted to go. "But tell me, here in Heaven, I don't do anything else but sing and smile, that's enough for me to be happy."

"Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you every day. And you will feel your angel's love and be happy."

"And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me," the child continued, "If I don't know the language that men talk?"

God patted him on the head and said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

But God had an answer for that question too. "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"I've heard that on earth there are bad men, who will protect me?"

"Your angel will defend you even if it means risking her life!"

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from earth could already be heard. The child knew he had to start on his journey very soon. He asked God one more question, softly, "Oh God, if I am about to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

God touched the child on the shoulder and answered, "Your angel's name is not hard to remember. You will simply call her Mommy."

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| [1] pat | v. | 轻拍; 抚摸; 拍打 |
| [2] pray | v. | 祈祷; 请求; 恳求; 祈求 |
| [3] defend | v. | 防守; 防护; 辩护 |
| [4] risk one's life | | 冒生命危险; 拼着性命 |

II. Summary

1. Pay attention to the position of the tongue and the shape of the mouth when pronouncing the four consonants.
2. Identify the distinctions of each pair of consonants.

VI. Exercise

1. Proverbs — Listen, Complete and Read Aloud.

[v] vs. [w]

- (1) _____ have _____.
- (2) _____ works _____.
- (3) _____ is the _____ of life.
- (4) _____ won't kill but _____ will.
- (5) _____ we stand, _____ we fall.
- (6) _____ and _____ divide the world.
- (7) _____ the wind and _____ the whirlwind.
- (8) The _____ is willing, but the _____ is weak.
- (9) Whatever is _____ doing at all is _____ doing well.
- (10) Education makes a people easy to _____, but difficult to _____, easy to _____, but impossible to _____.

[r] vs. [l]

- (1) _____ is _____.
- (2) _____ is a great _____.
- (3) Look on the _____ _____.
- (4) _____ the dead _____ their dead.
- (5) Life is just a _____ of _____.
- (6) Love makes the _____ go _____.
- (7) _____ of the law _____ no man.
- (8) One's life is _____, but learning is _____.
- (9) Those who live in _____ houses should not _____ stones.
- (10) To him that does everything in its _____ time, one day is _____ three.

2. Tongue Twisters — Read and Enjoy.

[v] vs. [w]

- (1) Woodson's waistcoat is weirdly vented.
- (2) Vivian and Virginia verbally voiced vivid salvos.
- (3) Wise women don't walk in the woods while wolves wander.
- (4) Varied berries are wetted while Val and Walt whisper in vain.
- (5) Woolen vests for wailing wolves are worn in the vast woodlands.
- (6) Who washed Washington's white woolen underwear when Washington's washer woman went west?

[r] vs. [l]

- (1) Upper roller lower roller.
- (2) Green glass globes glow greenly.
- (3) On a lazy laser raiser lies a laser ray eraser.
- (4) Luke's duck likes lakes. Luke Luck licks lakes. Luke's duck licks lakes. Duck takes licks in lakes Luke Luck likes. Luke Luck takes licks in lakes duck likes.
- (5) A flea and a fly in a flue.
were imprisoned. So what could they do?
Said the fly, "Let us flee".
Said the flea, "Let us fly".
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.