L

"Lifting sound"

"Singing sound"

Sometimes we call "L" the "lifting sound" because my tongue lifts up like an elevator.

Sometimes we call "L" the "singing sound." La la la la!

☐ My lips are apart and my mouth is open

☐ My tongue touches on the bumpy part right behind my front

Something doesn't sound quite right...

It takes time to break old habits and develop a perfect sound! Consider these tips:

1 **When "l" sounds more like "w"**
Make sure the lips are apart. Practice while looking in the mirror.

2 **When "l" sounds like "ah"**
Make the "ah" sound and then try lifting your tongue up to the hard bumpy ridge behind your teeth and then dropping it down quickly. Repeat this movement while saying "ah." It should begin to sound like "la la la."

I can make the sound... Now what?

Great work! Now let's carry over that success into syllables, simple words, more complex words, phrases, sentences, readings, and conversation.

Practice the words on these lists and then go on a sound hunt. Look at books, food labels, billboards... Everything and anything! Hang a list on the fridge and see how many words you can add!

Initial /l/ words	Medial /l/ words	Final /l/ words
lay low loot	mellow yellow below	peel bell roll
lamb lot loop	pillow callous dollar	call hole mall