

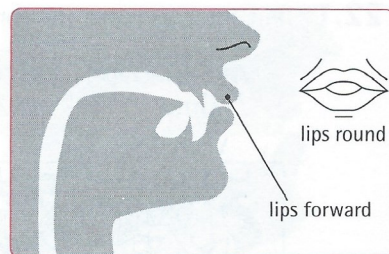
## What's the news?

## /w/ and /j/

A

## How to make the sound /w/

- B64a • Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. /w/ is like a very short /u:/ sound. Target sound: /wə/



B

## Sound and spelling

- B64b • The sound /w/ is usually spelled w, and sometimes wh, and there are some words with other spellings of /w/. Listen and say these words.

w      week   wet   way   warm   well   weather   windy   away   always   twelve   swim  
 wh     what   white   which   where  
          one   language   question   quiet   square



Note: qu is often pronounced /kw/.

- B64c • Note: /w/ is not pronounced in some words. Listen and repeat.  
 answer   two   who   whole   write   wrong

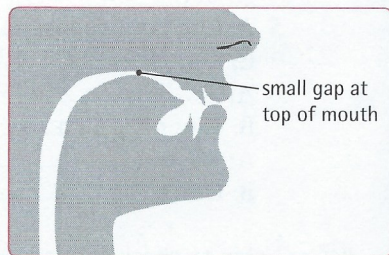
- B64d • Listen and say these phrases and sentences.

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| 1 swimming in warm water         | 6 the wrong word             |
| 2 twenty-one words               | 7 the whole world            |
| 3 What's the answer?             | 8 question and answer        |
| 4 quarter to twelve on Wednesday | 9 Where will you be waiting? |
| 5 twenty-two languages           |                              |

C

## How to make the sound /j/

- B65a • Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. /j/ is like a very short /i:/ sound. Target sound: /jə/



D

## Sound and spelling

- B65b • The sound /j/ is usually spelled y, but has different spellings in some words.

/ju:/ is often spelled u or ew. Listen and say these words.

y      yes   yesterday   year   young  
 /ju:/   usual   student   university   new   view   interview   beautiful   queue  
          Europe /'juərəp/

- B65c • Listen and say these phrases and sentences.

- 1 a young university student
- 2 a beautiful view
- 3 waiting in a queue for an interview
- 4 the European Union
- 5 I usually walk to work but I used the car yesterday.

B65d

- American speakers don't pronounce /j/ in some words like new and student. Listen.

with /j/: Are you a new student? /nju: 'stju:dənt/

without /j/: Are you a new student? /nu: 'stju:dənt/

Important  
for listening



# Exercises

## 23.1 Write these words.

### EXAMPLE

/ˈjʌŋgə/ ..... *younger* .....

1 /njuːz/ .....

2 /fjuː/ .....

3 /jet/ .....

4 /ˈwiːkend/ .....

5 /tjuːnz/ .....

6 /wen/ .....

7 /ˈmjuːzɪk/ .....

8 /west/ .....

9 /ˈjeləʊ/ .....

10 /jɪə/ .....



Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

## 23.2 Complete the dialogues using these words.

away few music quarter tunes weather Wednesday weekend west  
wet when where where windy yes yesterday yet young

1 A: ..... *When* ..... 's your interview?

B: It's on ....., at ..... past one.

A: Good luck!

2 A: Are you going ..... for the ..... ?

B: .....

A: ..... ?

B: I don't know .....

3 A: Hi! ..... are you?

B: We're in ..... Wales.

A: What's the ..... like?

B: ..... was ..... and .....  
but today's beautiful.

4 A: Can you read ..... ?

B: No, but I remember a .....  
from when I was .....



Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

## 23.3 Match the questions and answers in the interview.

### Questions

What? A *wallet*

What colour?

With?

Where?

When?

What time?

Who?

What happened?

### Answers

In the town square.

Yellow.

Twelve.

I was waiting in a queue. They  
were quick. They ran away.

Yesterday.

Money, keys, cards – the usual  
things.

Two young men.

~~A wallet.~~

Well, we'll see what we can do.



Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then  
listen and repeat.