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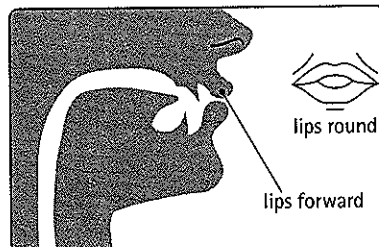
## What's the news?

### /w/ and /j/

**A**

#### How to make the sound /w/

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



**B**

#### Sound and spelling

- 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/.

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

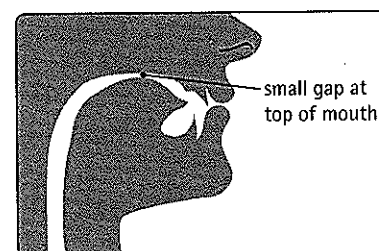
- Listen and say these phrases and sentences.

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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/

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



**D**

#### Sound and spelling

- 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/

- Listen and say these phrases and sentences.

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

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

Important for listening

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

## Exercises

### 23.1 Write these words.

EXAMPLE

- |             |         |              |
|-------------|---------|--------------|
| /ˈjʌŋgə/    | younger |              |
| 1 /nju:z/   |         | 6 /wen/      |
| 2 /fju:/    |         | 7 /'mju:zɪk/ |
| 3 /jet/     |         | 8 /west/     |
| 4 /'wɪkənd/ |         | 9 /'jeləʊ/   |
| 5 /tʃu:nz/  |         | 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

- A: *When* 's your interview?  
 B: It's on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ past one.  
 A: Good luck!
- A: Are you going \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_?  
 B: \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A: \_\_\_\_\_?  
 B: I don't know \_\_\_\_\_.
- A: Hi! \_\_\_\_\_ are you?  
 B: We're in \_\_\_\_\_ Wales.  
 A: What's the \_\_\_\_\_ like?  
 B: \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
 but today's beautiful.
- 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               | Answers   |
|-------------------------|---|
| What? A <i>wallet</i> . | In the town square.                                       |
| What colour?            | Yellow.   |
| With?                   | Twelve.   |
| Where?                  | I was waiting in a queue. They were quick. They ran away. |
| When?                   | Yesterday.  |
| What time?              | Money, keys, cards – the usual things.                    |
| Who?                    | Two young men.  |
| What happened?          | A <i>wallet</i> .   |

Well, we'll see what we can do.

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

