Welcome to Broken English, the quick fix for your pronunciation. My name is Geoff. Today, we’re looking at the w. To really study pronunciation, please repeat the sounds with me as you listen. I even suggest recording yourself so you can see how you sound, if you are able. Alright, let’s get started.

To make the /w/ sound, round your lips in a circle. Also, keep your teeth off of your lips; your teeth should not touch any lip.

Let’s start with some individual w sounds:

why where when wish west waste wool

away mowing awash lower powerful flowers

The biggest confusion with w is often with the letter w. For a w, you just need a small, round mouth that opens; it is voiceless and does not need any teeth. You need your teeth and lip for the v sound, as well as vibration in your throat.

went/vent wise/vies wheel/veal wary/very why/vie we’re/veer

Let’s go through some practice w word pairs.

wet wood/ wear wool/ waste away/ why wish/ west world/ white flowers/ weak wine

Finally, some practice sentences with w sounds.

The wood was wet when it wasted away.

Wear warm underwear and a watch whenever you wander in west world.

Snowy weather always means wanting to wear warm wool.

The wedding went on with white flowers and weak wine.

Alright, that’s it for today! Again, record yourself. See if you can pronounce the words like me, and we’ll practice again next time. Thanks for listening!