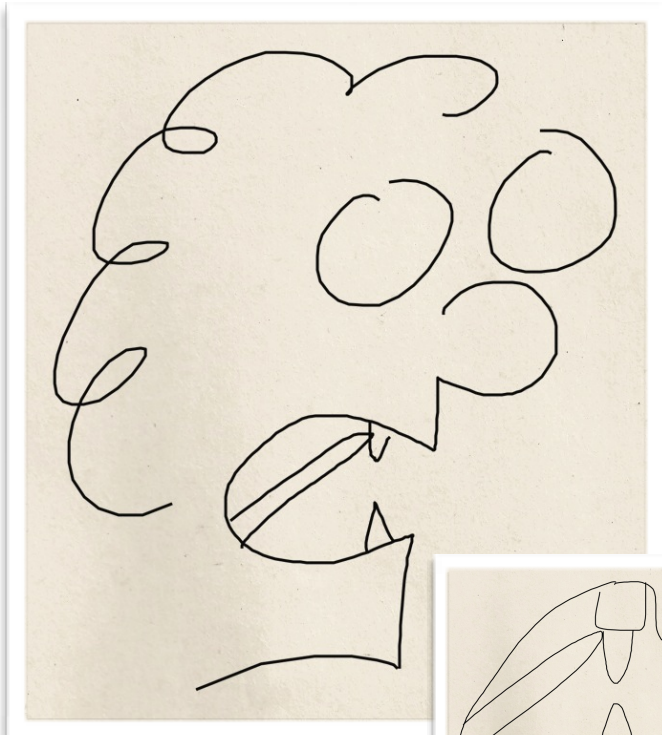
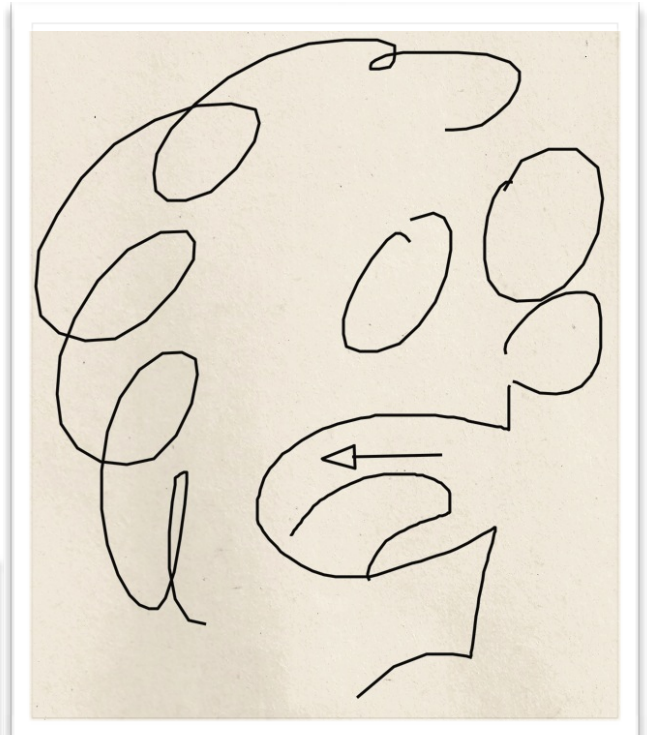


## Pronunciation: "L" and "R" sounds

In Japanese there are no "L" or "R" sounds. Instead, there is the らりるれろ sounds which are roughly in the middle.



The "L" sound is made by putting your tongue at the root of your teeth.



The "R" sound is made by rolling your tongue up into your mouth, but **not** touching it with the tip of the tongue. Try making your tongue into a dish.

### Words to Practice "L"

loud large little Lloyd lucky daily lady lead led fled wheel real sled lover liver

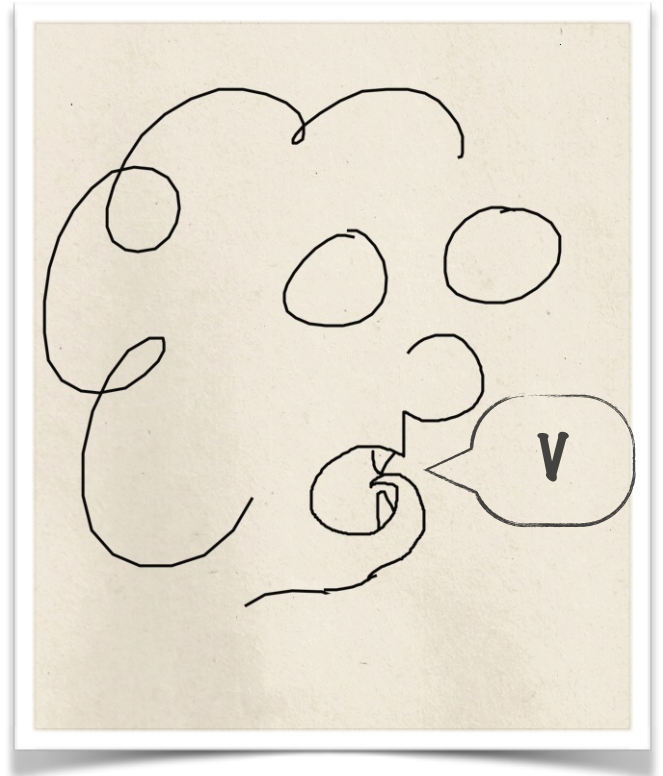
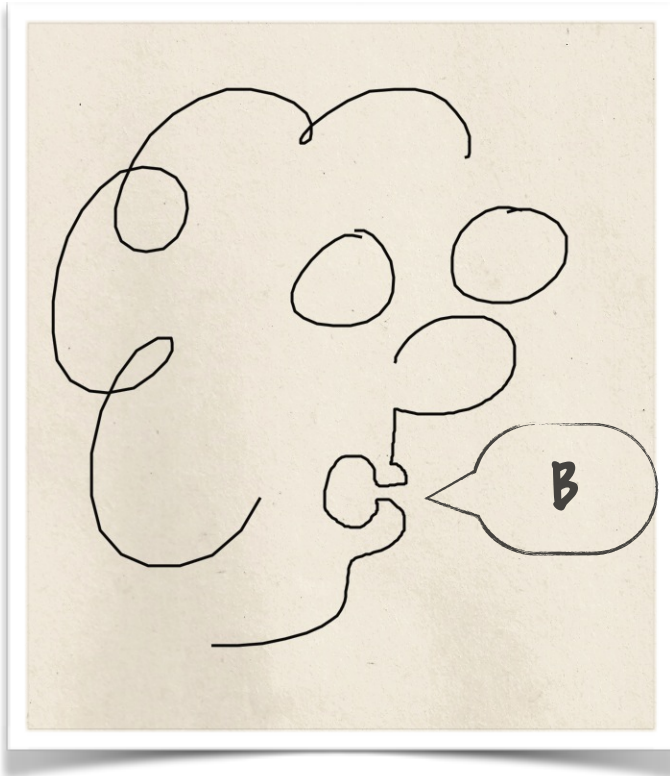
### Words to Practice "R"

car far bar marrow taro red round rude ready Roger read road lorry rear whirl hear heard weird steer rubber

### Tongue-Twisters

- Lucy Lloyd has lovely long legs
- Lucky Lucas has lots of loud laughs
- Round the ragged rock ran the red rooster
- Red lorry yellow lorry

## "B" and "V" sounds



### Words to Practice "B"

big boy bad birthday blue brown berry cab bug black bet rubber

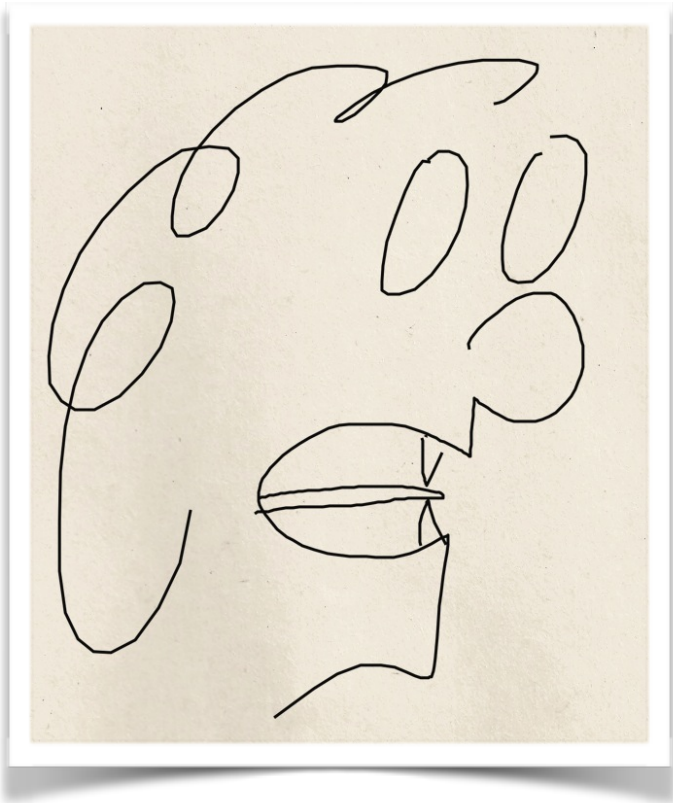
### Words to Practice "V"

van very vase vague vain verb vowel love above average beverage vet vegetarian vacation

### Tongue-Twisters

- A big bug bit the little beetle but the little beetle bit the big bug back.
- Vincent the very vivacious vampire visited Victor Von Viking the vegetarian vet vacationing in Valentine Valley.
- Violet vainly viewed the vast, vacant vista.
- Violet bought Batman a bicycle, Batman bought Violet a vase, Violet and Batman love beaches.
- Vivian believes violent, violet bugs have very big value.

## "TH" sound



The "TH" sound is made the same as the "S" sound, but with your tongue flat between your teeth. There are two "TH" sounds - Voiced and Unvoiced. With *voiced* you vibrate your throat to make a buzzing sound, like a "zzzz" sound, while you have your tongue between your teeth.

### Words to Practice Unvoiced "TH"

think thin thing thick thistle third fourth fifth sixth seventh eighth ninth tenth eleventh  
sixteenth thirty-third sixtieth sixty-sixth thistle

### Words to Practice Voiced "TH"

this that these those with without weather mother father brother

### Tongue-Twisters

- Three thin thieves thought a thousand thoughts.
- Not these three things here but those thirty things there.
- Thirteen mothers think thirty brothers are thick.
- Elizabeth's birthday is on the eleventh Thursday of this month.
- Three thin brothers came third and thirteen thick fathers came fourth.
- Through three cheese trees, three free fleas flew. (VERY HARD!)