



## Help with Pronunciation Units 5 and 6

### Consonants

#### The consonant sounds /l/ and /r/ as in 'fly' and 'run'

Find the target sounds by listening to them in the Macmillan Pronunciation Dictionary. The 'l' sound can be created by moving the back of the tip of the tongue to touch the ridge behind the teeth and making a sound in your vocal chords as the air is expelled. The 'r' sound can be found by curling the tongue up and back a little and almost touching the top teeth about half way up with the mouth relaxed and moving the jaw during the sound.

The /l/ is pronounced in all words which have 'l' or 'll' in them but **not** in the following words:

Preceded by	Followed by	Example
a	f, m, k	half, palm, talk
o	k	folk
ou	d	could

In British English, the /r/ is pronounced in all words which have an 'r' or 'rr' in them but **not** in the following words:

Position of 'r'	Example
final position	later
before consonant	harm
before silent 'e'	care

The 'r' may be pronounced in words in North American English and other variants.



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There are many words in Aviation English which contain these consonants. The task below looks at some of the words that you may have encountered before Unit 6.

### Task 1

Organise the words in the box below into the columns according to the pronunciation of the consonants 'l' and 'r'.

abort	allergic	area	bird	brake	calm	civil	envelope	failure	fire
follow	frequency	haul	heart	hurt	hydraulic	level	limit	pilot	private
rotor	short	terrain	transponder	turn	undercarriage	wire	would	wreckage	

Pronounced 'l'	Pronounced 'r'	Silent 'l'	Silent 'r'

### Task 2

Write a short incident report involving as many words as possible from the box in Task 1. When you have finished read it out to a partner or record yourself paying particular attention to the pronunciation of the 'l' and 'r'.

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