

## 9. /w/ will

To make this sound, hold your hand vertically in front of your face, nearly touching your nose. Now kiss your hand. Holding this position and give a long /u:/ sound. Keep making the sound but open your jaw about half-way. This will pull your lips apart. This sliding movement will make up the /w/ sound.

### *PRACTICE*

- A. wind      water    wood    world    wonderful      white    wait    one
- B. **silent /w/**    t(w)o    (w)ho    s(w)ord      (w)rite    (w)rong    ans(w)er
- C. **/w/ /v/ contrast**    wet/vet      wow/vow      west/vest      wine/vine
- D. **/w/ /f/ contrast**    weed/feed      white/fight      wish/fish/      warm/form
- E. Say slowly, then faster and faster. Don't be afraid to exaggerate when saying /w/.
1. Wine, women and song.
  2. Weak as water.
  3. Waste not, want not.
  4. All the world and his wife were there.
  5. We weave well at "The Weavewell". A well-woven "Weavewell" weave wears well.
- F. **/w/ /v/ /f/ contrast**
1. wine/ vine/fine
  2. wail/veil/fail
  3. wheel/veal/feel
  4. wire/via/fire
  5. worst/versed/first
- G. Which is the speaker saying? /w/ /v/ /f/?
1. Goodness, that airplane's fast/vast!
  2. That was the first/worst thing she said.
  3. Go and see if they've sent the veal/wheel, will you?
  4. Is that the fine/vine/wine you were telling me about?

Answers: 1. fast      2. worst      3. veal      4. wine