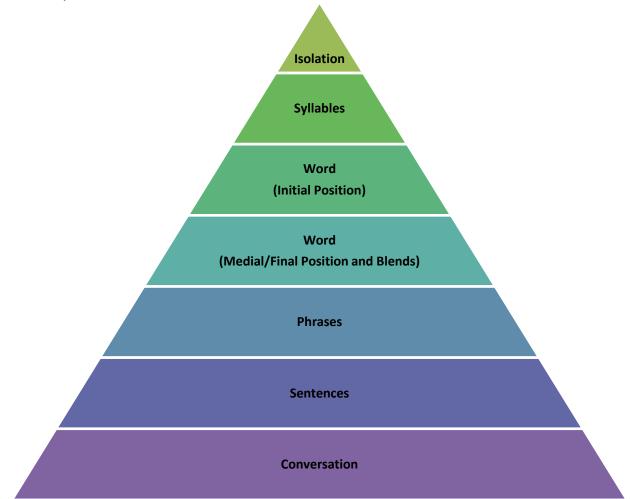


Speech Hierarchy

How someone pronounces a sound or says a word is a habit. Practice in steps is recommended to break that habit and learn a new way to pronounce a sound. The steps increase gradually in difficulty level.



Example

Target sound: /L/

Isolation: L - L - L - L (practice putting tongue up behind teeth and making a sound)

Syllable: La-la-la, lee-lee-lee, loo-loo-loo

Word initial: lemon, light, look, listen, like

Word medial/final/blends: elephant, calling, falling, ball, sell, blue, plane

Phrases: the big lemon, I like candy, the blue sky

Sentences: The blue ball is far away from me. I like playing with my toy plane.

Conversation: Make sure the /l/ is pronounced accurately in general conversation. This is the final step!