

R – Tongue Up in Back Sound

“When you made the ‘l’ sound, your tongue was up in the front. Now I want you to take your tongue and, this time, try to raise it way up in the **back** of your mouth! What sound does it make now? Yes, it makes the sound ‘r.’ Say, ‘R (produced very quickly).’ This is our tongue up in back sound. Do you want to meet a little dog? (Show picture.) Look at this funny dog with that big nose and mouth area. (Point to the rounded portion of the letter **R**.) See how it has fur ruffled up all over him? He’s a scruffy, old dog, isn’t he? He just lifts his tongue up in the back, and makes that short ‘r’ sound. Try putting your hands up like paws and making that short sound again with me. ‘R!’”

Hand cue: Put hands up in front with hands and fingers bent, to resemble the two paws of a dog.