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R Cues

Speech therapists use a variety of cues during therapy including tactile (touch), verbal (words), and visual (visual models/mirrors) to elicit a correct sound production. Below are the most useful cues for /r/.

Visual

1. Smile when saying /r/ to encourage your child not to round lips
2. Point up to encourage child to raise middle of tongue up
3. Pretend your hand is your tongue and move it front to back. This will encourage your child to move their tongue back.

Verbal

1. Say "smile when saying /r/"
2. Say "tongue up"
3. Say "tongue back"
4. Say "touch back teeth with tongue"
5. Say "tight sound"
6. Say "use tongue not lips"

Tactile

1. Touch corners of mouth to prevent lip rounding
2. Gently push up on child's jaw (while keeping head stable and forward facing), behind chin to encourage child to lift tongue up

Notes To Parents: _____

Notes To Speech Therapist: _____