Pronunciation: R vs. L

Many students from Japan and Korea find it difficult to see the difference between

[l] and [r].

The following pairs might help overcome the problem.

Play	Pray	Hollow	Sorrow
Lay	Ray	Clown	Crown
Clap	Crap	Pilot	Pirate
Law	Raw	Leech	Reach
Lib	Rib	Flee	Free
Flock	Frock	Ling	Ring
Flog	Frog	Glow	Grow
Flame	Frame	Leaf	Reef
Glue	Grew	Blew	Brew
Clue	Crew	Solo	Sorrow
Clone	Crone	Lip	Rip
Gloom	Groom	Glaze	Graze
Lap	Rap	Load	Road
Light	Right	Lock	Rock
Lick	Rick	Long	Wrong

Tongue Twisters and Nursery Rhymes to practice /I/ and /r/

Red lorry, yellow lorry, red lorry, yellow lorry.

Red riding hood and robin hood ride right through the river

Old oily Ollie oils old oily autos.

Red leather, yellow leather, red leather, yellow leather.

Round the rugged rock, the ragged rascal ran.

A flea and a fly flew up in a flue.
Said the flea, "Let us fly!"
Said the fly, "Let us flee!"
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

Fresh fried fish, Fish fresh fried, Fried fish fresh, Fish fried fresh.