

# Sound of the week activity

## The letter sound LI

### LI for leaping lions (cross the river type of game)

This is a gross motor activity that requires your child to listen to the animal called and cross the river in the way the animal would.

#### You will need:

A rope or sheet as the river

A visual of the letter sounding LI

#### What to do:

Show your child the picture of the letter sound LI. Make sure you really emphasise the positioning of your tongue with making this sound. Your tongue should be reaching up above your top lip towards your nose. Make a game of it.

You and your child can think of some animals beginning with the letter sound LI.

**Lions, lizard, leopard, lobster, lamb.** Think of some movements that can accompany these animals such as .....

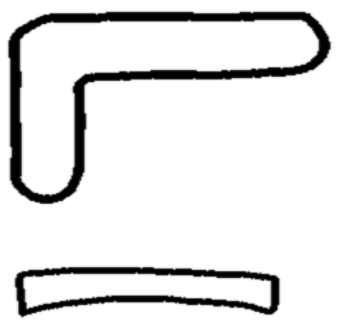
Leaping leopard (large leap jumps), walking lobster (sideways walk), lazy lion (slowly crawling), Slithering lizard. Show your child the movement – Slow crawls, large leaps, walking sideways, slithering on your tummy.

Ask your child to stand one side of the river. Ready, steady, listen ..... “Cross the river like a lazy lion” “slowly”. Your child will crawl across the river slowly. Ask your child to repeat the animal they have just crossed as. Repeat with all the animals, emphasizing the letter sound LI and the animals movement. You could then ask your child to give you the instructions to cross the river.

Have fun with it.

**EYFS learning outcomes:** Your child will be doing gross motor movements (PD), listening to instructions and carrying out the instructions they hear, making connections to the animals and their movements, and learning to pronounce the letter sound LI.

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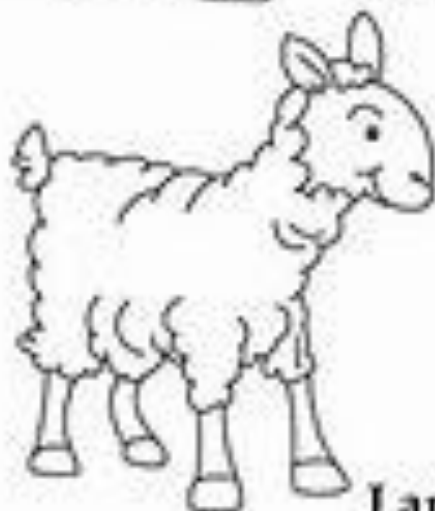
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Lion



Leaf



Lamb



Lobster



Ladder