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Now, let's use the English word "Ring" and I want you to act like you are a telephone ringing. "Rrrrring, rrrrring." You see you can do that. It's the exact same sound in Spanish. You can do that, just have a little fun here with me. Again, rrrrring, rrrrrring. Notice that your tongue has to be vibrating on the edge of that cleft above your gum line.

Now, try this with me with carro. Carrrrrr let it vibrate the r. You see the trill is on the front end and then end it out with row.

You do that for me. Now to do this you have to kind of ham it up here.

Now, let's try it with arroz. Arrrrrrr roce

Now, let's try a few things together.

Let me give you the sentence first and then we'll work on it. Remember, Trill right on that ledge at the front of your mouth above the gum line.

Here's the sentence.

Yo manejo mi carro en la carretera. You probably know, but the sentence means, "I drive my car on the highway." Write that down so you have it in front of you. "Yo manejo mi carro en la carretera." Now, if there's only one "r" you don't trill it.

Let's start slow together. Ready?

Yo manejo mi carrrrrrrro en la carrrrretera.

Muy bien. Again at the same speed.

Yo manejo mi carrrrrrrrro en la carrrrretera.

Excelente.

Now, let's do one more.

Esos perros comen arroz en la carretera. ¡Qué horror! That means, Those dogs eat rice on the highway. What a horrible thing!

So, write it down. Esos perros comen arroz en la carretera. ¡Qué horror! "Horror" is spelled, "h o r r o r".

Here we go....

Esos perrrrrrrrros comen arrrrrrrrroz en la carrrrrrretera. ¡Qué horrrrrrrror!

Now, we'll take off a few trills to get that to where we need to be.

Esos perrrrrrrrros comen arrrrrrrrroz en la carrrrrrretera. ¡Qué horrrrrror!

It's actually a good idea to go overboard with the trills until you get comfortable with it. You can back off then once you get comfortable making the sound. It's easy, just practice it out there. You have to force yourself out of your normal comfort level.

Just make sure you position and vibrate your tongue correctly.

If you want to work on it with your tutor, let him or her know.

Gracias. No, no, no that's not right, there's no double r in gracias. It's just gracias.

Adelante.