Eliciting Correct Production of h, w, y Sounds

Eliciting /w/ Sound

The /h/ sound is an open-mouthed production with no real constriction present. Children should be able to make this sound at a very early age. To help with its production, a piece of tissue, paper, or a feather can be used to blow away from the mouth as the sound is made.

hair		ham		hand		hard		hat		hawk	
	hay		head		heart		heel		help		hen
here		hi		hide		high		hill		hit	
	hog		hole		home		hood		hook		hoop
hop		horn		horse		hose		hot		hound	
	hug		hum								

^{***} Hi is an easy first word and greeting to socialize with others.

Eliciting /w/ Sound

The /w/ sound is made by rounding the lips and blowing air through the constriction. The lips may barely touch for this sound, but only barely as the /b/ or /p/ sound may result otherwise.

one		wad		wag		walk		wall		wand	
	want		wash		wasp		wave		wax		web
weed		well		wet		wide		wig		win	
	wind		wing		wink		wipe		wire		witch
wolf		wood		wool		worm		wow			

^{***} One is an early math concept.

Eliciting "y" Sound

The "y" sound is elicited by pulling the lips back in a smile and blowing air through the opened mouth.

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^{***} Yes - a powerful early affirmation.