

Syllabic /l/ - Carol and Michael Kettleman

RULE: The **syllabic /l/** is paired with /p/, /b/, /d/, /t/, /g/, /k/, /f/, /v/, /s/, /z/, /r/, /ʃ/, /tʃ/, /m/, /n/, and /y/. These combinations form an *unstressed* syllable and are less distinct than an /l/ occurring in a stressed syllable, e.g., "look", "below". When producing the syllabic /l/, keep the tongue tip raised behind the top teeth and do not release it until the word is produced. Remember; do *not* stress this syllable.

1. Carol and Michael Kettleman had grappled with their retirement plans for a long time.
2. Finally, Michael left his job as principal of a regional high school after twenty-five years.
3. Carol retired from her job as a medical receptionist at a local naval hospital.
4. After wrestling with a variety of cities, the couple settled on the beautiful West Coast.
5. Michael's paternal aunt and uncle lived near Seattle and encouraged Carol and Michael to join them.
6. Carol was critical of this region and would have preferred a sunny locale.
7. But, she loved affable Uncle Darryl and adorable Aunt Meryl.
8. So, she overcame the weather obstacle of daily drizzles and she buckled.
9. Carol and Michael bought a small, Tudor revival home with a wonderful garden.
10. Their playful beagle, Mabel, adjusted quite well to her new home.
11. The couple paddled kayaks on the beautiful water.
12. Carol and Michael rode bicycles through charming, simple towns.
13. They strolled through bountiful markets full of colorful fruits and vegetables.
14. But, Carol and Michael didn't really know how to handle their idle time.
15. They were not ready for a typical retirement with such a casual lifestyle.

16. Luckily, Darryl and Meryl invited them to help out at their delicatessen on the weekends.
17. *The Purple Pickle Deli* was a cheerful and bustling place.
18. The couple greeted people and escorted them to the long trestle tables.
19. Carol's crucial job was to scramble eggs and ladle chicken noodle soup into big bowls.
20. Michael tended the griddle, recited the daily specials, and doled out delectable samples.
21. Customers greedily gobbled up all of the irresistible morsels.
22. Loyal customers loved the twinkle in Carol's eyes and her adorable dimples.
23. Others appreciated how Michael's jokes made them chuckle.
24. Michael and Carol felt useful and joyful at *The Purple Pickle Deli*.
25. They were thankful that they had such an enjoyable and meaningful diversion.

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