

## Re: Sob, it's true about uvular R

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Keith Goeringer wrote:

Following up: Two weeks after my uvulectomy, I took a deep breath and made my first attempt to speak French--and in some cases my "r" is gone, gone, gone. What have I done to myself?

I can approximate it reasonably well in many cases, and I can say "pour" and "pire", but then I fail on "pour rire" or "sourire".

I bet throat doctors in \*France\* know to warn patients of this when a uvulectomy is a possible course of action. But it never dawned on mine.

Not to make light of your situation, but one wonders if this is something that is routinely warned of in France, Germany, Denmark, and other places with uvular /r/.

There's always the voiced velar fricative...

I feel for Harlan, but the uvular r and the voiced velar fricative are probably the 2 sounds I'd regret the less losing the ability to produce. Maybe he can get around with a voiceless fricative?

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