Welcome to Broken English, the quick fix for your pronunciation. My name is Geoff. Today, we’re looking at the n sound. To really study pronunciation, please repeat the sounds with me as you listen. I even suggest recording yourself so you can see how you sound, if you are able. Alright, let’s get started.

To make the /n/ sound, the front of your tongue will touch the gum behind your top teeth. You may need to push your tongue with some force to make the sound more noticeable.

Let’s start with some initial n sounds.

nine never notice nasty numb nail

Now, some middle n sounds.

manual pencil tennis corner intention finance

Next, some final n sounds.

ten wine eleven train withdrawn broken

Now, some practice word pairs:

seven-eleven new invention nickels and pennies broken pencil science lesson financial planner

Lastly, some practice sentences:

An intelligent financial planner can invest unexpected earnings.

Pencils never run out of ink, but pens write more neatly.

Snow and occasional rain are in the weatherman’s prediction.

England in the winter sounds worse than a June in Spain.

Alright, that’s it for today! Again, record yourself. See if you can pronounce the words like me, and we’ll practice again next time. Thanks for listening!