

Welcome to Broken English, the quick fix for your pronunciation. My name is Geoff. Today, we're looking at /tʃ/. 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 /tʃ/ sound, the sides of your tongue are horizontal, slightly against your top teeth. The tip of your tongue quickly touches the gum above your top tooth.

Let's start with some initial tʃ sounds:

chip change choose chin cheap

Now, some middle fʃ sounds:

pitcher patchwork kitchen pasture finches

Some final tʃ sounds:

match itch crutch pinch French

Next, some word pairs:

change channels/ cheap pitcher/ itchy chin/ French finch/ crunchy chip

Now, for some comparisons, starting with the /tʃ/ of "choose" and the /ʃ/ of "shoes". Compare these:

choose/shoes chin/shin chip/ship cheap/sheep match/mash

Choose to ship sheep cheaply to fresh pastures.

Another point of confusion can be the /tʃ/ of "pitcher" and the /ʒ/ of "pleasure":

pitcher/pleasure reach/leisure watch/massage catch/casual finch/fission

Finches casually watched the pitcher with pleasure.

Lastly, be careful with the /tʃ/ of "batch" and the /dʒ/ of "badge":

batch/badge rich/ridge chin/gin choice/joys choke/joke

The cheerful judge chose a rich range of gin.

Finally, some practice sentences:

Choose cheap chips for the children's match.

Change channels from French to Chinese.

The pitcher threw the catcher a pitch from the bleacher.

Our kitchen charges for changes on the check.

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!

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