

Welcome to Broken English, the quick fix for your pronunciation. My name is Geoff. Today, we're looking at the  $\text{ʒ}$  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  $\text{/ ʒ /}$  sound, press the front of your tongue against the top of your mouth, but lower the tip of your tongue. You should feel air flow across the middle of your tongue and sides. Also, make sure your throat is vibrating as this is a voiced sound.

Let's look at some individual words with this sound:

exposure pleasure measure treasure seizure casual usually confusion division television occasion  
amnesia beige collage garage

Some students may confuse the  $\text{/ ʒ /}$  of "casual" and the  $\text{/ ʃ /}$  of "cash". Compare these words:

seizure/session casual/cash vision/mission collage/lash fission/fish

The casual fishing session brought the fishers a measure of cash.

Another point of confusion is  $\text{/ ʒ /}$  of "pleasure" and the  $\text{/ dʒ /}$  of "pledge". Compare these words:

pleasure/pledge garage/Roger collage/lodge fusion/fudge leisure/ledge

For his leisure, Roger measured the collages on the ledges of his garage.

Lastly, some practice sentences:

Usually, beige is too casual for the occasion.

The seizure's exposure on television led to confusion.

The pleasure division treasures diversions.

The garage's measurements required long division.

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!