

Welcome to Broken English, the quick fix for your pronunciation. My name is Geoff. Today, we're looking at the /dʒ/ 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 /dʒ/ sound, quickly touch the top of your mouth with the tip of your tongue, then release. Make sure your throat is vibrating.

Let's look at some initial /dʒ/ sounds:

judge juice jail Japanese joke justice jeer job

The judges jailed jokesters in juicy jails.

Now, some middle /dʒ/ sounds:

adjust injustice fidget budget major engine disjointed

Major budget adjustments led to the injustice.

Next, some final /dʒ/ sounds:

fudge forge hedge badge nudge siege age

At what age can I forge my first fudge badge?

One point of confusion is the /dʒ/ of "pledge" and the /ʒ/ of "pleasure". Compare these words:

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

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

Another can the /dʒ/ of "major" and the /y/ of "mayor". Compare these:

major/mayor jet/yet jay/yay jeer/year jack/yack jell/yell

A major mayor yelled at the jeering all year.

A last issue that can be common is the difference between the /dʒ/ of "budge" and the /z/ of "buzz". Compare these:

budge/buzz forge/fours siege/seize jean/zine rage/raise Joan/zone

The jean zine's budget was seized in a rage.

Lastly, some practice sentences:

Drinking juice in June is a job I enjoy.

Adjust the hedges if they nudge your jeans.

Don't joke about jail with the jovial juniors.

His badge was forged in the dangerous jungle.

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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