

Exercises for /z/ and /ʒ/

1. Put these words into the correct column. Then listen to the MP3 (19a) and practice saying the words.

pleasure Russia shake measure vision cash
 fashion Spanish nation
 shirt casual revision wash ocean

Words containing a /z/ sound	Words containing a /ʒ/ sound
measure	ocean

2. Put words from exercise 1 in the gaps below. Then listen to the MP3 (19b) and repeat the sentences.

- a) The capital city of is Moscow.
- b) I want to study design at university because I love clothes and drawing.
- c) The Blue Whale is the biggest animal in the and the world.
- d) Please make sure you wear a nice and tie for the party tomorrow.
- e) I'm not sure how long this is. Let me it and find out.
- f) is the one of the most widely spoken languages in the world.
- g) It was a to meet you. Have a lovely day.
- h) Your shoes are so dirty! them right now.



3. Listen to the MP3 (19c) and circle which sound you hear in these words.

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| a) | occasionally | /z/ sound | /ʒ/ sound |
| b) | international | /z/ sound | /ʒ/ sound |
| c) | explosion | /z/ sound | /ʒ/ sound |
| d) | usually | /z/ sound | /ʒ/ sound |
| e) | garage | /z/ sound | /ʒ/ sound |
| f) | special | /z/ sound | /ʒ/ sound |

4. Record yourself saying the words in sections 1 and 3, and the sentences in section 2. Listen to your recording again in a few days. Can you clearly hear the two target sounds you studied?

