



**AMERICAN
ACCENT
COACHING**

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VOICED & UNVOICED CONSONANTS



SECTION 2 CLASS 8

**LEARN THE VOICED AND UNVOICED PAIRS THAT
ARE EASILY CONFUSED OR COMBINED**

S

How it's spelled:

s: sore, seem, awesome, wasp, suits, best, guest, weeks

x: excited, ex, extinct, maximum, sexy, wax, mix

c: central, cell, cyst, trace, face, dice, pricing, lacy

Sentences:

Sam saw some small squirrels in Central Park.

Rex hosted some awesome guests at his house.

Z

How it's spelled:

z: zero, hazy, lazy, zoo, zen, zebra, breeze, puzzle, fizzle

s: dessert, guys, lies, was, is, his, as, has, easy

x: exit, exactly, examine

Sentences:

Zack knew exactly where the zebras at the zoo were for his presentation.

Zero plus zero is an easy answer to presume.

S // Z

see // zee

sore // zorro

sane // zany

lacy // lazy

glass // glaze

I swore I saw those same Zorro costumes last Halloween.



ʃ = whispered sh

How it's spelled:

sh: shop, shoot, sheet, shoe, shampoo, brush, push, smash, hush

tion: station, vibration, liquidation, nation, foundation, rational

Less common spellings:

ch: champagne, Chicago, chef, cliché, douche, machine, mustache, parachute

s: pressure, sure

c: special, precious

Sentences:

I went shopping in Chicago for a special shampoo and brush.

The chef felt pressure to make cliché standards instead of special dishes.

S // SH (ʃ)

see // she

sore // shore

sane // Shane

lace // lush

class // clash

ʒ = voiced SH

How it's spelled:

sure: treasure, measure, pleasure, leisure, exposure

sion: decision, collision, invasion, confusion, persuasion, explosion,
conclusion, version, vision

g: garage, genre, beige, collage, massage, prestige, concierge, entourage,
camouflage, sabotage

sual: usual, casual, visual

sia: amnesia, Asia, Persia



Less common spellings of 3:

equation, luxurious, seizure

Sentences:

Usually, a private garage in Asia is a treasure.

The bomb's explosion and invasion of camouflage caused massive confusion.

SH // 3

tip: some people write 3 as "zh"

3 examples: version, decision, usual, casual, treasure, pleasure

Trish // treasure

cash // casual

rash // garage

plush // pleasure

Surely, parking garages in Asia are shared.

d3 = dj

How it's spelled:

j: juice, jump, jerk, join, joke, jail, just

dg: ridge, judge, hedge, fridge, ledge, adjust

g: giraffe, giant, gym, rage, page, aging, suggest, rigid

Sentences:

The giant giraffe jumped over the ledge.

Jim adjusted his jokes to fit the aging crowd.

3 // DJ

decision // dodge

fission // fidget

treasure // tragedy



casual // cage
garage // ridge

It was a tragedy that the treasure was stored in the cage.

SH // DJ

Tip: You may see DJ written as "dʒ" or "G"

DJ examples: gym, Joe, joy, rage, ridge, cage

shoes // juice
she's // jeez
shin // gin
cash // cage
fish // fidget

Sean showed me Joe's giant gym shoes.

tʃ = tch

How it's spelled:

ch: chain, challenge, chance, channel, charge, cheat, cheese, speech, beach, such, which

tch: batch, catch, match, sketch, watch, switch, butcher, kitchen

ture: adventure, culture, feature, fortunate, furniture, future, picture

t: natural, situation, question, righteous

Sentences:

The butcher chose to use only natural cheese in the kitchen.

Charlie cheated in speech class by watching other speeches and changing them slightly.



CH // DJ

chin // gin

cheap // jeep

choice // rejoice

rich // ridge

Jim got rich and changed from cheap gin to top shelf.

SH // CH

shoes // choose

she's // cheese

shin // chin

sheet // cheat

wash // watch

She's chosen shoes that cover her shins.

SH // CH // DJ

shoes // choose // juice

she's // cheese // jeez

shin // chin // gin

sheep // cheap // jeep

The sheep choose to eat cheese over drinking juice.

SH // CH // 3 // DJ

dish // ditch // decision // dodge

fish // finch // fission // fidget

Trish // twitch // treasure // tragedy

cash // catch // casual // cage

rush // rich // garage // ridge

The decision to cash in the treasure ended in tragedy.



S / SH / CH / Z / 3 / D3

diss // dish // ditch // dizzy // decision // dodge
fist // fish // finch // fizz // fission // fidget
trust // Trish // twitch // Twizzler // treasure // tragedy
cast // cash // catch // Kay's // casual // cage
rust // rush // rich // reason // garage // ridge

The finch's cage was supposed to be shut in the garage.

Practice Paragraph

Mark the sounds on the page.

Kay is a boxer. She made the decision to dodge her opponent's punch in her last cage fight. Unfortunately, when she dodged the fist, she lodged her shoulder in a strange position. Tragically, it dislocated. She had to be rushed to the hospital where they patched her up.

HOMEWORK

Practice these sounds daily until you've mastered them. It may take a while to memorize each distinction. If you have a particular word comparison list that's difficult for you, practice it over and over again with the video.