

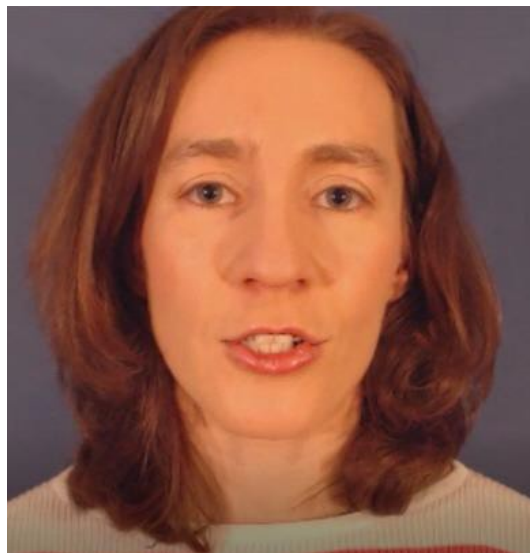
Lesson 9

Part 1: SHEER / CHEER / JEER

Today you're going to practice three very commonly confused sounds, as in the words **sheer**, **cheer**, and **jeer**.

Let's start with the /ʃ/ sound in **sheer**. This is a gentle sound – and you can hold it for a long time, like this: SSSHHHH. The /tʃ/ sound in **cheer** is more “explosive” – CH. And the /dʒ/ sound in **jeer** is simply the voiced version of CH.

Practice with me: **SH / SHEER / CH / CHEER / J / JEER**



Practice these words with SH:

αααααα. **sh**e
ββββββ. **sh**ip
χχχχχχ. **sh**are
δδδδδδ. **sh**ort
εεεεεε. **sh**ion
φφφφφφ. **sh**



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yyyy. push

ηηηηηη. sure

uuuu. sugar

This sound is spelled with SH, but in the words **sugar** and **sure**, the S has this SH sound. These are the only two words where S has the sound of SH.

But wait! There's more...

In words ending in -SSION or -SSURE, the SS has an SH sound.

φφφφφφ. discuss – discussion

κκκκκκ. express – expression

λλλλλλ. passion, mission, session

μμμμμμ. press – pressure

As we learned in the lesson about T, the letters TI have an SH sound in words ending in -TION and -TIOUS.

vvvvvv. nation, condition, secttion

oooooooo. ambitious, nutritious

Words ending in -CIOUS, -CIENT, and -CIAL have this sound as well.

ππππππ. delicious, spacious, vicious

θθθθθθ. efficient, ancient, sufficient

ρρρρρρ. crucial, financial, speccial

Finally, there are a few words in English where CH is pronounced SH. These are mostly words that originated in French:

σσσσσσ. brochure, champagne, chef, chic, machine,

mustache, parachute So, as you can see, the SH sound is pretty

common in English!

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Practice these words with CH:

ττττττ. **ch**ease
 υυυυυυ. **ch**eck
 ϖϖϖϖϖϖ. **ch**air
 ωωωωωω. **ch**apter
 ξξξξξξ. **ch**urch
 ψψψψψψ. tea**ch**er
 ζζζζζζ. kit**ch**en
 αααααα. mat**ch**ing
 ββββββ. wa**tch**ing
 χχχχχχ. tou**ch**
 δδδδδδ. sear**ch**
 εεεεεε. ri**ch**
 φφφφφφ. cat**ch**
 γγγγγγ. lun**ch**

This sound is only spelled with CH or TCH.

Practice these words with J:

ηηηηηηηη. **j**eans
 ιιιιιι. **j**et
 φφφφφφφφ. **j**ust
 κκκκκκκκ. **g**ym
 λλλλλλλλ. **g**eneral
 μμμμμμμμ. re**g**ion
 νννννννν. dan**g**er
 οοοοοοοο. sub**j**ect
 ππππππππ. en**g**ine
 θθθθθθθθ. lar**g**e
 ρρρρρρρρ. man**a**ge
 σσσσσσσσ. brid**g**e
 ττττττττ. cha**n**ge

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սսսսսսս. sponge

ԾԾԾԾԾԾԾ. budget

This sound is spelled with J, and sometimes with G or DG. Remember in the lesson about “hard G” (in go) and “soft G” (in gym) – this is the “soft G” and it is used before E, I, or Y.

Let’s get to the most important part – practicing the difference.

Practice the difference (SH and CH)

ԾԾԾԾԾԾԾ. cash / catch

ՃՃՃՃՃՃՃ. share / chair

ՄՄՄՄՄՄՄ. sheet / cheat

ՇՇՇՇՇՇՇ. ship / chip

ՁՁՁՁՁՁՁ. shop / chop

ՅՅՅՅՅՅՅ. wish / which

Practice the difference (CH and J)

ՃՃՃՃՃՃՃ. chest / jest

ԾԾԾԾԾԾԾ. cheer/ jeer

ՃՃՃՃՃՃՃ. chin / gin

ՓՓՓՓՓՓՓ. H / age

ԴԴԴԴԴԴԴ. lunch / lunge

ՊՊՊՊՊՊՊ. search / surge

Now test your listening – which word do I say?

ււււււ. washing / watching

ՓՓՓՓՓՓՓ. crush / crutch

ԿԿԿԿԿԿԿ. marsh / march

լլլլլլլլլ. shoe / chew

մմմմմմմ. shore / chore

վվվվվվվ. char / jar

օօօօօօօ. choke / joke



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πππππππ. rich / ridge
θθθθθθθθ. perch / purge
 chug / jug

Remember from the lesson about D that D before R often has more of a J sound.

Practice Sentences

Let's try some practice sentences!

Focus on **SH**:

1. Politicshians published an officishal report on the natishon's financishal condishion.

Focus on **CH**:

1. The teacher and preacher are waching the tennis mach.

Focus on **J**:

2. The surgejon gejntly gave Jojhn an injjection.

Homework:

9: Part 1- Record yourself reading these sentences:

Focus on **SH**:

2. She should wash her shirt and shorts.
3. I'll show you some specishal, fashshionable shoes.
4. Politicshians published an officishal report on the natishon's financishal condishion.

Focus on **CH**:

2. The teacher and preacher are waching the tennis mach.



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3. I **ch**ose the **ch**eapest **ch**icken and **ch**ease sandwich**ch** for lunch**ch**.
4. Don't tou**ch** the **ch**ocolate **ch**ip cookies in the kit**ch**en.

Focus on **J**:

3. The sur**ge**on **g**ently gave **J**ohn an in**je**ction.
4. The **j**udge suggested some changes in **J**une and **J**uly.
5. **J**en **j**ust **d**ropped the **g**iant **j**ar of **j**am.

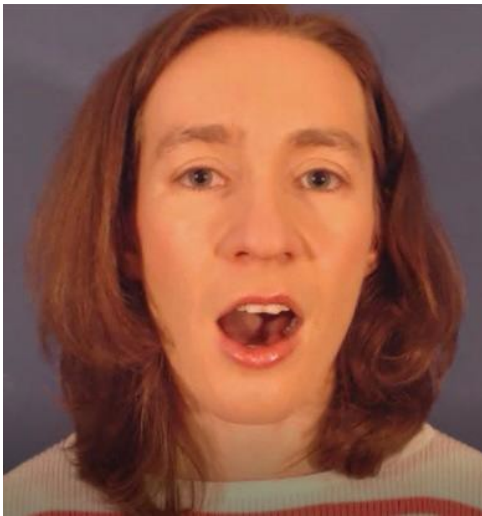
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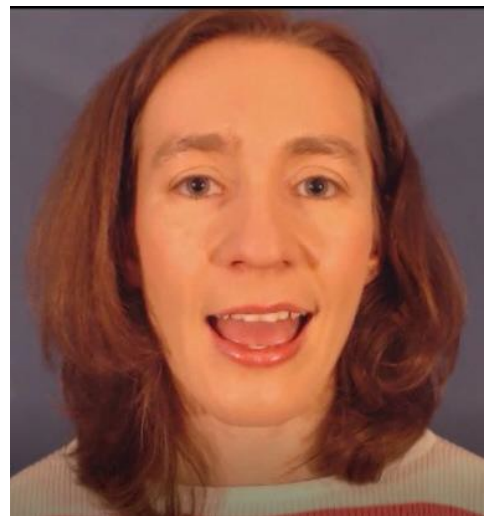
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Part 2: CAR / CARE

Today we're going to continue practicing the **/a:/** sound in **car** and compare it to the **/ei/** sound in **care**. The difference in mouth position between these two sounds is very small – watch me alternate saying them and try to see the difference:



AR (CAR)



AIR (CARE)

For the sound in **car**, my mouth is open more vertically, and for the sound in **care**, my mouth is open more horizontally. Now listen and repeat:

AR –

AIR AR

– CAR

AIR –

CARE

CAR –



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CARE

Let's practice some new words with the sound in **car**:

- α. **farm**
- β. start
- χ. barn
- δ. chart
- ε. parking
- φ. garlic
- γ. **ar**chive
- η. **ar**bitrary
- ι. **ar**thritis

This sound is always spelled AR – with one exception, the word **heart**.

Now let's practice the sound in **care**:

- φ. share
- κ. square
- λ. **ar**ea
- μ. **fair**
- ν. hair
- ο. stairs
- π. bear
- θ. where
- ρ. their

As you can see, there are many different ways to spell this sound.

Now let's practice the difference – listen to and repeat these pairs of words:

- σ. bar / bear
- τ. car / care
- υ. far / fair
- ϖ. char / chair
- ω. mar / mare



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ξ. par / pair

ψ. scar / scare

ζ. spar / spare

αα. star / stair

ββ. tar / tear

Homework:

9:Part 2-

A- Record yourself pronouncing these words:

“Which word is different?” You’ll see four words, pronounce them yourself and identify the word with a different sound:

aren’t / rare / farther / marble

pppppppp. careful / army / radar / alarm

σσσσσσσσ. daring / party / garbage / argument

ττττττττ. there / scared / pear / cards

υυυυυυυυ. barely / fairly / hardly / hairy

ωωωωωωωω. airport / wearing / staring / artificial

B- Record yourself reading these sentences:

Focus on CAR:

ωωωωωωωω. Are the stars visible in the dark?

ξξξξξξξξ. I threw the charred part of the food in the garbage.

ψψψψψψψψ. The army started to march when the

alarm sounded. Focus on CARE:

ζζζζζζζζ. There’s a pair of chairs next to the stairs.

αααααααα. Be careful to share the spare supplies fairly.

ββββββββ. She wears her hair in a rare style.

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