

12. /ʃ/ ship, wash

Start with the tip of the tongue actually between your teeth. Draw it back slowly till you are saying /s/, then further still. You should be able both to hear and feel the change in the quality of sound. Can you feel the difference between /s/ and /ʃ/?

PRACTICE

A. she ship shoe shore show sure sugar English

B “ch” sounds /ʃ/ (mainly from French)

ma(ch)ine (ch)ef (ch)ampagne s(ch)edule moustache

C. “ci” “si” “ti” “ce” sounds /ʃ/

“ci” – musician ancient special precious Patricia

“si” – Asia Russia tension expression

“ti” – partial patience superstitious

“ce” – ocean

D. Which is the speaker saying? /s/ or /ʃ/ ?

1. save/shave
2. mess/mesh
3. sip/ship
4. sock/shock
5. crust/crushed
6. sea/she
7. puss/push
8. sort/short
9. person/Persian
10. fist/fished

E. Say slowly, then faster and faster. Don't be afraid to exaggerate when saying /ʃ/.

1. Share and share alike.
2. She sells sea shells on the sea shore.
3. Short and sweet – and the shorter the sweeter.

Answers: 1. shave 2. mess 3. ship 4. shock 5. crust
6. sea 7. push 8. short 9. person 10. fished