

How to Pronounce the /j/ sound

Point 1: Instructions: On this side, you're going to take notes about how to pronounce the sound /j/. You will watch the video, draw the tongue position, and write any details you need to help you remember how to pronounce the sound.

Instrucciones: En esta parte, vas a tomar notas sobre cómo pronunciar el sonido /j/. Vas a mirar el video, dibujar la posición de la lengua y escribir cualquier detalle que te ayude a recordar cómo se pronuncia el sonido.

Section 2: Pronunciation Practice

Exercise 1 – Common Words *Instructions: Say the words out loud. Focus on the 'sh' sound. Copy the phonetic symbol (IPA) for each word. Listen carefully to the /sh/ sound and write what you feel.*

Word	Spanish	IPA
blush	sonrojarse	
bush	arbusto	
dish	plato	
finish	terminar	
fish	pez	
leash	correa	
publish	publicar	
push	empujar	
shake	agitar	
share	compartir	
shine	brillar	
short	corto	
shut	cerrar	
shy	tímido	
wash	lavar	

Exercise 2 – Advanced Vocabulary *Instructions: Repeat each word slowly and focus on the /sh/ sound wherever it appears. Then try to copy the IPA symbol for that part.*

Word	Spanish	IPA
associate	asociar	
chef	chef / cocinero	
Chicago	Chicago	
commercial	comercial	
especially	especialmente	
financial	financiero	
gracious	amable	
grocery	supermercado	
machine	máquina	

ocean	océano	
official	oficial	
social	social	
special	especial	
species	especie	
sufficient	suficiente	

Exercise 3 – '-tion' Words with /sh/ *Instructions: These words end in '-tion' which is pronounced like /shən/. Say each one slowly and listen for the /sh/ sound. Then write the IPA by feel.*

Word	Spanish	IPA
action	acción	
completion	terminación	
condition	condición	
construction	construcción	
corporation	corporación	
definition	definición	
dictionary	diccionario	
election	elección	
emotion	emoción	
fiction	ficción	
function	función	
intuition	intuición	
location	ubicación	
patient	paciente	
tradition	tradición	