

This is a selection of the English consonant sounds that might cause confusion for the Spanish-speaking student.

1 /tʃ/

ch: chain, chair, challenge, change, channel, chapter, charge, chart, chat, cheap, check, chin, choice, choose, chore, church; achieve, purchase, teacher; approach, beach, each, lunch, much, search, touch.

Note that **ch** is also pronounced /k/ as in: *character, Christian, Christmas; architecture, psychology, scheme, school, technique; stomach.*

tch: kitchen; catch, fetch, match, switch, watch.

t+ure: adventure, creature, culture, departure, feature, furniture, future, gesture, lecture, literature, nature, picture, signature, structure, temperature.

s+tion: combustion, congestion, digestion, exhaustion, question, suggestion.

2 /dʒ/

j: jacket, January, Japanese, jog, join, joke, journalist, journey, joy, judge, July, jump, June, jungle, junior, just; enjoy, major, majority, object, project, reject.

(d)g: general, generation, generous, gentle, genuine, giant, gypsy; agency, danger, emergency, engineer, imagination, intelligence, largely, management, origin, refugee, region, religion, stranger, strategy, tragedy, vegetable; advantage, age, charge, college, cottage, damage, encourage, huge, image, judge, knowledge, language, large, manage, marriage, message, page, passage, urge, village.

gg: exaggerate, suggest.

other: soldier.

3 /θ/

th: thank, theatre, theme, theory, thick, thin, thing, think, thousand, threat, three, through, throw, Thursday; author, enthusiasm, healthy, mathematics, method, sympathy; beneath, birth, both, breath, death, earth, health, length, month, north, path, south, strength, tooth, wealth, worth.

4 /ð/

th: than, that, the, their, them, then, there, these, they, this, those, though, thus; although, bother, breathe, brother, clothes, either, father, further, gather, leather, mother, nevertheless, northern, other, rather, southern, together, weather, whether, within, without; smooth, with.

Note that **th** is also pronounced /t/ at the beginning of a word: *Thames*, *Thomas*.

5 /ʃ/

sh: shall, share, she, shelf, shell, shine, short, should, shut; aftershave, ashtray, bishop, cashier, cushion, dishes, Englishman, fashion, fisherman, handshake; bush, establish, finish, fish, flash, fresh, push, rubbish, rush, shock, wish.

ss, s: aggression, assure, depression, discussion, impression, issue, mission, obsession, passion, pressure, profession, tissue; censure, ensure, insure, sugar, sure.

ti: accommodation, action, addition, ambition, application, attention, collection, combination, communication, condition, nation, patient.

ci: crucial, official, racial, social, special.

other: brochure, luxury, machine, ocean, schedule.

6 /ʒ/

si: confusion, decision, division, explosion, occasion, vision.

s: casual, exposure, measure, pleasure, treasure, usual.

other: beige, prestige (French loan words, final *-ge*, an alternative pronunciation with /dʒ/ is also possible).