

s, sh and ch pronunciation

Southern British English (BBC English or RP)

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 native Greek speakers!

i:	ɪ	ʊ	u:	ɪə	eɪ		
e	ə	ɜ:	ɔ:	ʊə	ɔɪ	əʊ	
æ	ʌ	a:	ɒ	eə	aɪ	aʊ	
p	b	t	d	tʃ	dʒ	k	g
f	v	θ	ð	s	z	ʃ	ʒ
m	n	ŋ	h	l	r	w	j



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s	ʃ	tʃ
see	she	chi
sore/saw	shore/sure	chore
Mass	mash	match
boss	bosh	botch
Cass	cash	catch
sip	ship	chip
seep	sheep	cheap
bass	bash	batch
lass	lash	latch
lease	leash	leach
leased	leashed	leached
leasing	leashing	leaching
sane	Shane	chain
fuss	mush	much

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* alternative pronunciations

Watch out!
 'wɒtʃ 'aʊt

She speaks English, Spanish, Russian and Polish.

'ʃi: 'spi:ks 'ɪŋɡlɪʃ 'spæniʃ 'rʌʃən ən(d) 'pəʊlɪʃ

She buys fish and chips every Tuesday.

'ʃi: 'baɪz 'fɪʃ (a)n 'tʃɪps 'evri: 'tʃu:zdeɪ* *'tʃu:zdeɪ

She pays by cash, not cheque.

'ʃi: 'peɪz 'baɪ 'kæʃ 'nɒt 'tʃek

Polish your shoes with shoe polish.

'pɒlɪʃ ʃu: *'ʃu:z 'wɪð 'ʃu: 'pɒlɪʃ *jə

Sharon chose to watch *The Shawshank Redemption*.

'ʃærən 'tʃəʊz tə 'wɒtʃ ðə 'ʃɔ:ʃæŋk rɪ'dem(p)ʃən.

Steve's children love cheeseburgers and milkshake.

'sti:vz 'tʃɪldrən 'lʌv 'tʃi:z,bɜ:gərz ən 'mɪlkʃeɪk.

She blushed when she shook hands with Shane.

'ʃi: 'blʌʃt 'wen 'ʃi: 'ʃʊk 'hændz 'wɪð ʃeɪn.

Let's choose some new shoes.

lets 'tʃu:z 'sʌm 'nu: 'ʃu:z.

Silly Shirley washed her shoes in the washing machine.

'sɪli 'ʃɜ:li 'wɒʃt (h)ər 'ʃu:z 'ɪn ðə 'wɒʃɪŋ mə'ʃi:n.

Charlotte, the chef from Chicago, shops in Michigan.

'ʃɑ:lət ðə 'ʃef 'frəm ʃə'kæɡəʊ 'ʃɒps 'ɪn 'mɪʃɪɡən.

She was rushing to reach the shops,

'ʃi: 'wəz 'rʌʃɪŋ tə 'ri:tʃ ðə 'ʃɒps

and crashed her shiny new sports car into the bushes.

ænd 'kræʃt (h)ər 'ʃaɪni: 'nu: 'spɔ:ts 'kɑ: 'ɪntu: ðə 'bʊʃɪz.

Try these tongue twisters

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She sells sea shells on the sea shore,
 and the shells that she sells are sea shells I'm sure!

If two witches were watching two watches,
 which witch would watch which watch?

How much wood would a woodchuck chuck
 If a woodchuck could chuck wood?
 He would chuck, he would, as much as he could,
 And chuck as much as a woodchuck would
 If a woodchuck could chuck wood.