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ENGLISH PHONETICS

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Lesson 53 /j/

Listen to the words.

year

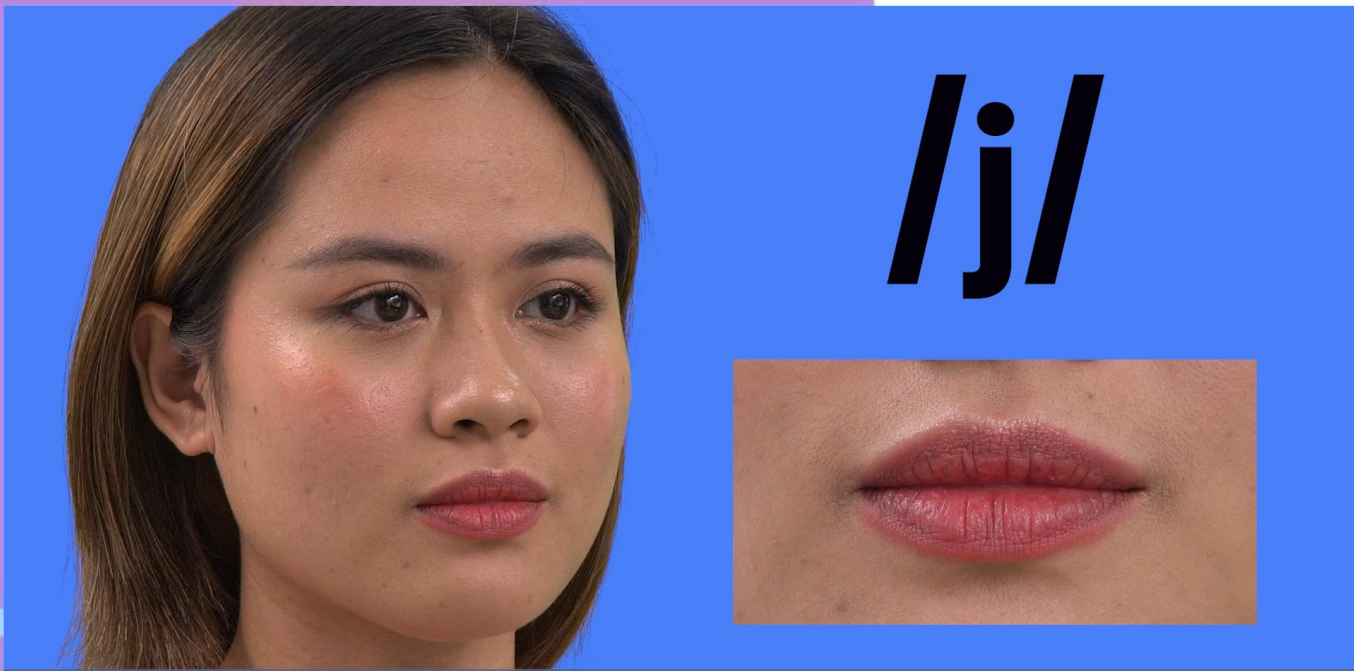
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Meet the
phonetic
symbol.

/j/

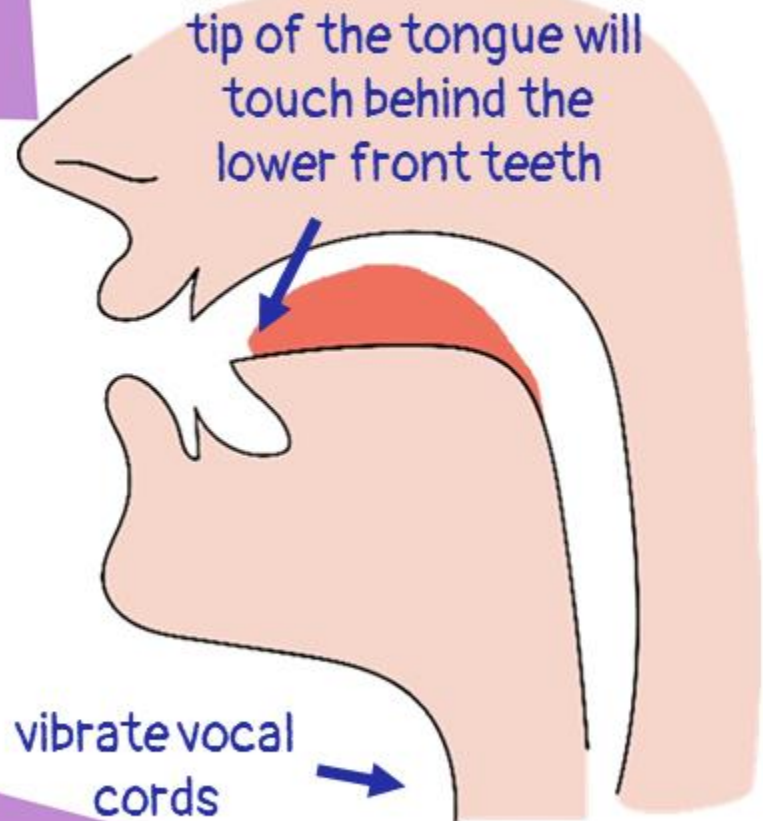
Produce the sound.



/j/

yes, yo-yo, yummy : [j]

Do the
correct
mouth
position.



Words that have the /j/ sound

yes

yule

yarn

yam

yawn

yuck

y

Words that have the /j/ sound

unity annual utensil

usual deputy universe

u

Words that have the /j/ sound

hue

argue

continue

value

rescue

barbecue

ue

Semivowel Sound

A **semivowel** is a speech sound produced like a vowel but functions as a consonant, like the y-consonant /j/. This happens when 'y' starts a word or a syllable.

yes lawyer beyond

Listen, repeat, and then read.

/j/

usual uniform

a yellow yam

a European union

few barbecue sticks



Listen, repeat, and then read.

/j/

The onion is **y**ucky.

The **y**arn is **y**ellow.

Yen's **b**eauty is **u**nique.

He **a**rgues about the **c**urfew.



Identify if both words have the /j/ sound.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|---------|----------|
| <input type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | 1 | yes | cure |
| <input type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | 2 | jam | juice |
| <input type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | 3 | toy | join |
| <input type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | 4 | unite | review |
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Listen and choose the odd one out.

1

toy
joy
use

2

yacht
jump
edge

3

sure
your
cure

4

true
sue
value

5

blew
billiard
Europe

Listen, read, and encircle the words with the /j/ sound.

1 strong community

2 an angry lawyer

3 a white uniform

4 united country

5 a delicious yam

6 beyond the bridge

Listen to the pronunciation trivia.

IPA Symbols

Don't get confused with the y-consonant IPA symbol /j/ and the letter 'j'. The IPA symbol of the letter 'j' sound is /dʒ/. The IPA symbol /j/ is chosen for the y-consonant because it reflects its articulatory properties.





TONGUE TWISTER!

You're **y**acking and
yawning and un**u**sually
annoy**y**ing.



WELL DONE!

Sound: /j/

Spelling: y, u, ue