

Module 1-5: The Distinction between ‘つ’ and ‘す’

In this module:

- You will learn how to pronounce ‘つ’ and ‘す’ sounds.
- You will practice pronouncing words with ‘つ’ and ‘す’ sounds.

It is difficult to distinguish ‘つ’ and ‘す’ sounds correctly, especially if your first language is English.

Watch the video below to learn how to pronounce the two sounds:

<http://enunciate.arts.ubc.ca/japanese/lets-practice/tsu-and-su/>.

Practice I: Listen to the audio file and repeat the words.  1-5

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| 1. つき／すき
(moon/to like) | 2. つり／すり
(fishing/pick-pocket) | 3. かつ／かす
(to win/to lend) |
| 4. いつ／いす
(when/chair) | 5. たつ／たす
(to stand up/to add) | 6. なつ／なす
(summer/eggplant) |

Practice II: Practice with a Sound Recognition Device (ex. Siri, Google)

1. If you have access to a sound recognition/search device, say words (1) through (6) below to the device. Were the words recognized correctly? (Before speaking to the device, you may need to change the input mode into Japanese.)

If the words have been recognized correctly, the device will display the following words.

	Say these words	The device will display these		Say these words	The device will display these
1	つき	月	4	いす	椅子
2	つり	釣り	5	たす	+ or 足す
3	かす	かす or 貸す	6	なつ	夏

2. If the words are not recognized correctly, keep trying until they are. Did you figure out any tips for pronouncing the sounds correctly?