

Module 1-7: Distinction between ‘ざ, ず, ぜ, ぞ’ and ‘じゃ, じゅ, じえ, じょ’

In this module:

- You will learn how to pronounce ‘ざ, ず, ぜ, ぞ’ and ‘じゃ, じゅ, じえ, じょ’ correctly.
- You will practice pronouncing words with these sounds.

It is difficult to correctly pronounce ‘ざ, ず, ぜ, ぞ’ and ‘じゃ, じゅ, じえ, じょ’ especially if your first language is Korean.

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

<http://enunciate.arts.ubc.ca/japanese/lets-practice/ja-vs-za/>.

Practice I: Listen to the audio file and practice pronouncing the words/phrases below.



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| 1. どうぞ<br>(please)                      | 2. みず<br>(water)               | 3. ごぜん<br>(a.m.)                                    |
| 4. みずうみ<br>(lake)                       | 5. ぜんぜん<br>(not at all)        | 6. おはようございます<br>(Good morning.)                     |
| 7. ありがとうございます<br>(Thank you very much.) | 8. じゃあ<br>(if that's the case) | 9. <sup>じゃ ぼん ほうす</sup><br>ジャパンハウス<br>(Japan House) |

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

1. If you have access to a sound recognition/search device, say words/phrases (1) through (9) below to the device. Were the words/phrases recognized correctly? (Before speaking to the device, you may need to change the input mode into Japanese.)

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

	Say these words	The device will display these		Say these words/phrases	The device will display these
1	どうぞ	どうぞ	6	おはようございます	おはようございます
2	みず	水	7	ありがとうございます	ありがとうございます
3	ごぜん	午前	8	じゃあ	じゃあ
4	みずうみ	湖	9	<sup>じゃ ぼん ほうす</sup> ジャパンハウス	ジャパンハウス
5	ぜんぜん	全然			

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