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| actually                          | travel |

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| <p>actually</p> <p><i>/ˈæktʃuəli/</i></p> | <p>travel</p> <p><i>sounds like /ˈtʃrævl/</i></p> |
| Sound                                     |                                                   |
| /tʃ/                                      |                                                   |

## tu and t + y

In many words, when a **t** is followed by a **u**, the resulting blended sound is /tʃ/, which sounds like the **ch** in *church*.

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| 1. actual <u>ly</u>  | 3. ritu <u>al</u>    | 5. virtu <u>al</u>   | 7. statu <u>e</u> | 9. punctu <u>al</u> |
| 2. situat <u>ion</u> | 4. adventu <u>re</u> | 6. fortun <u>ate</u> | 8. natu <u>re</u> | 10. pictu <u>re</u> |

Similarly, a final **t** followed by a **y** usually calls for the /tʃ/ sound.

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| 1. Don't you? | 3. Can't you?  |
| 2. Won't you? | 4. Aren't you? |

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## tr

When a **t** is followed by an **r** sound, the **t** changes and becomes an almost /tʃ/ or “ch” sound. To create this sound correctly, say /tʃ/ as in *chain*, but just make the tip of the tongue a bit more tense when it touches the gum ridge, and focus on creating a stop of air.

## Practice words

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|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. travel | 3. tradition | 5. translate | 7. traffic   | 9. turn      |
| 2. turkey | 4. introduce | 6. interest  | 8. extremely | 10. terrific |