



Reductions in English: **D+Y → /j/** & **D+T → /ch/**

1. Verbs (Third Person Singular)

Combination	Phrase	Natural Pronunciation
D + Y → /j/	Find you	<i>fine-ju</i>
D + Y → /j/	Send you	<i>sen-ju</i>
D + Y → /j/	Read your	<i>ree-jur</i>
D + Y → /j/	Remind you	<i>re-mine-ju</i>
D + Y → /j/	Lead you	<i>lee-ju</i>
T + Y → /ch/	Meet you	<i>catches</i>
T + Y → /ch/	Get your	<i>mee-chur</i>
T + Y → /ch/	Let you	<i>le-chu</i>
T + Y → /ch/	Put your	<i>pu-chur</i>
T + Y → /ch/	Hit your	<i>hi-chur</i>

2. Plural Nouns

COMBINATION	WORDS	SPOKEN SOUND	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
D + Y → /j/	Would you	<i>wouldju</i>	Would you like some coffee?
D + Y → /j/	Could you	<i>couldju</i>	Could you send the email?
D + Y → /j/	Did you	<i>didju</i>	Did you see the movie?
D + Y → /j/	Should you	<i>shouldju</i>	Should you call him now?
D + Y → /j/	Had you	<i>hadju</i>	Had you finished the report?
D + Y → /j/	Why did you	<i>why-didju</i>	Why did you leave early?
T + Y → /ch/	Don't you	<i>donchu</i>	Don't you understand?
T + Y → /ch/	Didn't you	<i>didnchu</i>	Didn't you hear me?
T + Y → /ch/	Won't you	<i>wonchu</i>	Won't you sit down?
T + Y → /ch/	Aren't you	<i>arenchu</i>	Aren't you coming with us?
T + Y → /ch/	What you*	<i>whachu</i>	What you doing later?***
T + Y → /ch/	Bet you	<i>bechu</i>	I bet you can't guess.

👉 **Tip for students:**

In fast, natural speech, these sounds blend together, so you often hear “ju”- “chu”-“chur” instead of separate **t/d + y sounds**.

*“**What you...**” is a common form in **natural spoken English** for “****What are you...?**”

When people speak quickly, the word “are” is often reduced or dropped, and the sounds blend together.

For example:

What are you doing? → What you doing? → **/whatchu doing?/**

The **T** in what and the **Y** sound in you combine to make a **/ch/** sound.

So in **natural speech:**

👉 What are you doing?

👉 What you doing?

👉 **/whatchu doing?/**

This reduction is very common in casual spoken English.

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