

Consonant Sound /j/ spelled “dj”

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-dj Spellings	-Unusual /j/ Spellings-	**contains a rare spelling of a sound
a djourn	le gion**	
a djust	re gion**	
a djec tive		
a dja cent	sol dier**	

Note: Although we clearly say a /j/ sound in a words like *adjust* (a-just) and *adjourn* (a-jern) a case can be made for teaching a child to pronounce the letters d and j separately and put them in separate chunks (and syllables) as follows: ad-journ, ad just, ad jec tive, ad ja cent, as well as all the derivative words like ad journ ment, ad joured, ad jour ning, etc. This is a curriculum decision over a relatively minor matter, but a decision nonetheless. Because the leading letter **a** in *adjective* represents the First Vowel Sound (short sound) it is quite likely that most adults mentally pronounce the first syllable as **add**, even though they are likely saying “a-jec-tive” in actual pronunciation. This is less likely to be the case with words like *adjust* and *adjourn* which begin with schwa sounds, though those same adults probably pronounce the first syllable as **add** when spelling these words.