

“Hello, Tito Toad. It’s nice to meet you!”
said Twitch. “Chippy, can you say, ‘Hi, Tito?’”
Chippy tried but he had a hard time saying the /t/ sound.



“The /t/ sound in *Tito* is easy to make,” explained Tito. “I just lift up my long tongue like this and place it behind my top teeth. Then I tap out that /t/ sound! You try it!”



Clinician’s note: The child may need to occlude his nose to produce the sound correctly when he is first learning. The first productions of the /t/ sound should be over aspirated because aspiration keeps the vocal folds open and reduces the chance of a glottal stop (**T**^hhhhh). After several trials, if the child cannot produce the /t/ sound with his tongue at the alveolar ridge, have him stick out his tongue between his teeth, build up oral pressure, and produce a modified /t/ sound. Once that sound is mastered, practice with correct placement.