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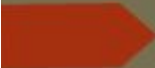
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- Javier Hernandez Better known as Chicharito
- Was born in 1988 in Guadalajara Mexico
- He is soccer player
- He has played for the Chivas, The Manchester United, West Ham United, and most recently he joined the L.A. Galaxy.

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- Chicharito shares many sound traits as the Chicano English because Chicanos have distinctive sounds that are acquired at early age from their mother tongue.
  - Chicanos as well as Chicharito who learned English as a second language tend to either add or remove certain phonemes from words that could result in the change of the pronunciation of the word, and in many cases changes the meaning, or make the words difficult to understand.

## Vowels

- Vowels are quite difficult for people whose native language is Spanish. Mainly because Spanish have only five vowels and five diphthongs. While the English alphabet contains fifteen vowels, for which some of them are stressed or unstressed, long or brief, nasal or nonnasal, and the position of the tongue and lips determined the sound of vowels.
- During the interview, Chicharito goes into explain what his nickname means. Chicharito means little pea. However, Chicharito pronunciation in pea sounds like short vowel sound [ɪ] instead of the sound [i] which in a long vowel sound
- The sound of vowels in pea should sound like [i] in beet and not like [ɪ] in bit.



## Omission of letters.



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Chicharito tends to omit the last letters in words.

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When he talks, he omits the last letter of words as well as the last sound in the middle of compound sounds like:

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Hopefully (Hofully)

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Weir (Weird)

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Crow (crowd)

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Bes (best)

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Firs (first)

## Substituting [θ] & [ð] for [d] and the regular T sound

- One of the most repetitive mistakes of Chicharito during the interview was the substitution [ð] for [d] in words like: the, that, they, and them; as well as the substitution of the [θ] for the regular T sound in words like: think, thankful and thought.
- Both [ð] and [d] sounds are voiced, but they are very different phoneme sounds the [d] sound is alveolar and has a stop sound while the [ð] is a fricative interdental sound.
- The regular T sound and the [θ] are voiceless but the [θ] sound is interdental fricative while the regular T alveolar.





## Vocabulary Limitations



- There were certain vocabulary limitations that were evident. Chicharito overused the words Yeah Yep which are slang words for yes, but he could have used other type of words to substituted the yeah and yep. He could just simply use the word yes, as well as of course, sure, definitely, and totally among others.
- Chicharito also, constantly used the word **like** to show contrast or to connect sentences.



Thank you!

