

- Listen and repeat these examples of the target sound.

talk Thomas train twelve
butter until hated
night worked west



"Betty bought a tub of butter."

Important
for listening

- In many accents, including American accents, the letter T is pronounced like a /d/ when it is between two vowel sounds. So in America, *writer* /raɪtə/ sounds like *rider* /raɪdə/.
- In some accents, for example in some parts of London, the T between two vowel sounds is made not with the tongue but by stopping the air at the back of the throat to make a short silence. So in these accents, *butter* is pronounced bu'er. In fast speech, many speakers drop the /d/ or /t/ when they come between two other consonant sounds. So *facts* /fæktz/ sounds like *fax* /fæks/.