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Silent *t* after *n*

The *t* after an *n* is often silent in American pronunciation. Instead of saying *internet* Americans will frequently say “*innernet*.” This is fairly standard speech and is not considered overly casual or sloppy speech.

Words for practice

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| 1. in <u>te</u> rv <u>ie</u> w | 5. den <u>ti</u> s <u>t</u> | 9. in <u>te</u> rn <u>ati</u> on <u>al</u> | 13. San <u>ta</u> Monica |
| 2. twen <u>ty</u> | 6. in <u>te</u> ll <u>ec</u> tual | 10. cen <u>te</u> r | 14. Atlan <u>ta</u> |
| 3. disappoin <u>ti</u> ng | 7. quan <u>ti</u> ty | 11. can <u>al</u> oupe | 15. Orange Coun <u>ty</u> |
| 4. accoun <u>ta</u> ble | 8. advan <u>ta</u> ges | 12. plen <u>ty</u> | 16. Sacramen <u>to</u> |

Practice dialog for silent *t*

- a. There are many advantages to working for that international company.
b. I'll be disappointed if they don't call me for an interview.
a. I hear they're looking for someone with interpersonal skills and plenty of energy.
b. It's only twenty minutes from Santa Monica.