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Linking: CONSONANT + VOWEL

When a word ends in a consonant and the next word begins with a vowel, **connect the final consonant to the next vowel, making it sound as if the second word starts with a consonant.**

Study the examples below to make this point clear.

	sounds like:
1. hold on	"whole Don"
2. I like it	"I lie kit"
3. deep end	"depend"
4. get up late	"get a plate"
5. picked out	"pick doubt"
6. this guy	"the sky"

Using the flap t sound to link words

When the first word ends with a vowel/r-controlled vowel + t and the next word begins with a vowel, we **connect these words using the flap t sound.**

The same sound is used when the first word ends with a vowel/r-controlled vowel + d and the next word begins with a vowel. **The fast d sound that we have there sounds exactly the same as the flap t sound – it is the same sound.**

This concept is explained and practiced in this video.



Here are some word combinations to practice linking with the flap t sound.

Word groups for practice

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| 1. it <u>is</u> | 3. try it <u>on</u> | 5. at <u>eleven</u> | 7. what <u>if</u> |
| 2. get <u>up</u> | 4. eat <u>out</u> | 6. wait <u>a</u> minute | 8. put <u>it</u> off |

Word pairs

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| 1. add <u>on</u> | 2. made <u>it</u> | 3. hid <u>it</u> | 4. fed <u>up</u> |
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Let's put it all together...

Practice sentences

Let's practice linking a final consonant of a word with the initial vowel of the following word using some everyday phrases used in sentences.

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| 1. Good <u>d</u> evening. | <u>u</u> + <u>t</u> + <u>i:</u>
Have a <u>g</u> ood <u>e</u> vening. |
| 2. Hold <u>d</u> on. | Please hold <u>d</u> on a <u>m</u> inute. |
| 3. good <u>d</u> idea | <u>u</u> + <u>t</u> + <u>aɪ</u>
That's a <u>r</u> eally good <u>i</u> dea. |
| 4. I like <u>k</u> it. | <u>ɪ</u> + <u>t</u> + <u>ə</u>
I like it a <u>l</u> ot. |
| 5. speak <u>k</u> English | Do you speak <u>ɪ</u> nglish? |
| 6. cup <u>p</u> of coffee | I'd like a <u>k</u> up of <u>c</u> offee. |
| 7. Just <u>a</u> minute. | I'll be there in <u>r</u> e in <u>j</u> ust a <u>m</u> inute. |
| 8. where <u>r</u> are | Where <u>a</u> re you <u>f</u> rom? |
| 9. there <u>r</u> are | <u>ɑ:</u> + <u>t</u> + <u>əv</u>
There <u>a</u> re a <u>l</u> ot of <u>p</u> eople here. |
| 10. kind <u>d</u> of | I'm kind <u>o</u> f <u>h</u> ungry. |