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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 /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

1. it is
2. get up

3. try it on
4. eat out

5. at eleven
6. wait a minute

7. what if
8. put it off

Word pairs

1. add on

2. made it

3. hid it

4. fed up

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 evening.

Have a good evening.

2. Hold on.

Please hold on a minute.

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3. good idea

That's a really good idea.

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4. I like it.

I like it a lot.

5. speak English

Do you speak English?

6. cup of coffee

I'd like a cup of coffee.

7. Just a minute.

I'll be there in just a minute.

8. where are

Where are you from?

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9. there are

There are a lot of people here.

10. kind of

I'm kind of hungry.