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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.*

	<b>sounds like:</b>
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"

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### 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.

1. Good d evening.

2. Hold d on.

3. good d idea

4. I like t it.

5. speak k English

6. cup p of coffee

7. Just a minute.

8. where r are

9. there r are

10. kind d of

u + t + i:

Have a good evening.

Please hold on a minute.

u + t + aɪ

That's a really good idea.

ɪ + t + ə

I like it a lot.

Do you speak ɪnglish?

I'd like a lcup of coffee.

I'll be there in just a minute.

Where re you from?

ɑ: + t + əv

There are a lot of people here.

I'm kind of hungry.