

## LINKING SOUND

There are 3 types of linking sounds:

1. Consonant with vowel
2. Consonant with consonant
3. Vowel with vowel

### Type 1: Consonant with vowel

Listen and repeat:

Got up at eight,  
Got on a bus,  
Went into work,  
Worked until two,  
Went out for lunch,

Worked until six,  
Back on the bus,  
Switched on the box\*,  
Slept in a chair.  
(\*box = television)

⇒ What is the rule?

- A. Link the last consonant with the first vowel
- B. Say them one by one

→ **YOUR ANSWER:**

### Type 2: Consonant with consonant

Listen and match

A	B
Let's sit in the sun.	Let's sit in the shade instead.
Let's eat steak.	Let's eat pizza instead.
Let's stay in a hotel.	Let's sleep outside instead.
Let's spend all the money.	Let's save some money instead.
Let's swim in the ocean.	Let's swim in the pool instead.
Let's see a movie on Sunday.	Let's study on Sunday instead.
Let's ask Stacy.	Let's ask Steve instead.
Let's speak Spanish.	Let's speak English instead.

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⇒ How to link the /s/ and /s/ sound?

A. Say only 1 /s/

B. Say 1 long /s/

→ **YOUR ANSWER:**

Listen and repeat:

Danish ships

Spanish shoes

Japanese shells

Swedish shampoo

Turkish sugar

Chinese shirts

Polish sheep

Swiss shops

How to link the /s/ and /ʃ/ sound?

A. Say 1 long /s/

B. Say 1 long /ʃ/

→ **YOUR ANSWER:**

How to link the /z/ and /ʒ/ sound?

A. Say 1 long /z/

B. Say 1 long /ʒ/

→ **YOUR ANSWER:**

How to link the /ʃ/ and /ʒ/ sound?

A. Say 1 long /s/

B. Say 1 long /ʃ/

→ **YOUR ANSWER:**

**Type 3: Vowel with vowel**

Listen and repeat:

1. Is it **blue or grey**?
2. What **day is** it today? **Thursday or Friday**?
3. **Coffee or tea**?
4. Where's **my interview** suit?
5. **Play a** song for me.

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6. Hello. Reception? Which **city is** this?
7. See **you in** the evening.
8. Why do **we always** have to get up so early?

Circle the correct alternative

1. If the first word ends with sounds /i:/ or /ɪ/, we use (j/w) to link with the next word  
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2. If the first word ends with sounds /u:/ or /ʊ/, we use (j/w) to link with the next word  
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