

## PRONUNCIATION: CHUNKING

### Exercise 1: Listen and mark the pause.

E.g. A few years ago / I read in a newspaper / that the staff at a library.

1. A few years ago \_\_\_\_\_ I read in a newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ that the staff at a library \_\_\_\_\_ in a small town \_\_\_\_\_ in the west of England \_\_\_\_\_ had noticed \_\_\_\_\_ that the number of visitors \_\_\_\_\_ to the library \_\_\_\_\_ was going down and down, \_\_\_\_\_ and the number of books \_\_\_\_\_ they were borrowing \_\_\_\_\_ was going down even faster.
2. They couldn't understand this, \_\_\_\_\_ so they decided \_\_\_\_\_ to do some research \_\_\_\_\_ to find out \_\_\_\_\_ the reason.
3. They interviewed people \_\_\_\_\_ and asked them \_\_\_\_\_ to fill in questionnaires \_\_\_\_\_ and so on.
4. And \_\_\_\_\_ guess what they discovered.
5. The reason was \_\_\_\_\_ simply \_\_\_\_\_ that everybody \_\_\_\_\_ had read all the books already!

### Exercise 2: Record the sentences above.

### Exercise 3: Listen and mark the pause.

1. This seems \_\_\_\_\_ unbelievable \_\_\_\_\_ but it's a true story \_\_\_\_\_ in fact.
2. A farmer \_\_\_\_\_ was working \_\_\_\_\_ in the fields \_\_\_\_\_ with his tractor.
3. The tractor crashed \_\_\_\_\_ and he fell out \_\_\_\_\_ and landed on \_\_\_\_\_ the ground \_\_\_\_\_ unconscious.
4. As he fell, \_\_\_\_\_ his mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_ fell \_\_\_\_\_ out of his pocket.
5. Soon after, \_\_\_\_\_ a bird that was flying \_\_\_\_\_ around the fields \_\_\_\_\_ saw the phone \_\_\_\_\_ and started pecking it \_\_\_\_\_ with its beak.
6. Amazingly \_\_\_\_\_ it dialed the number 999 \_\_\_\_\_ and soon \_\_\_\_\_ the emergency services arrived \_\_\_\_\_ to help the farmer.

### Exercise 4: Record the sentences above.

### Exercise 5: Listen and mark the pause.

1. When I woke up \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't even \_\_\_\_\_ realise \_\_\_\_\_ what time \_\_\_\_\_ it was.
2. Of course \_\_\_\_\_ it's written in a language \_\_\_\_\_ that hardly \_\_\_\_\_ anyone can \_\_\_\_\_ understand.
3. I was working late \_\_\_\_\_ because they want \_\_\_\_\_ it done \_\_\_\_\_ as quickly as \_\_\_\_\_ possible.
4. Because he was \_\_\_\_\_ ill \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ expect him \_\_\_\_\_ to come to work.

5. If I get \_\_\_ some time \_\_\_ I'll be over on the weekend \_\_\_ to see you \_\_\_ both.
6. Luckily \_\_\_ we haven't had any rain \_\_\_ since \_\_\_ the day \_\_\_ we arrived.
7. It should \_\_\_ never have \_\_\_ been built \_\_\_ in my opinion \_\_\_ this new office building.

**Exercise 6: Listen to the answer for the IELTS Speaking Part 2. Identify the chunks in the following options.**

Ok, I'm going to talk about a problem with the environment in my country. One of the most serious problems at the moment is flooding. This is starting to happen every year and each year it seems to get worse. I think it may be caused by a number of factors. Firstly scientists **believe that global warming is causing more** severe weather so this may account for the increasing amount of rain that we seem to be seeing. It **also means** the soil is more dry so again the rainwater runs off it rather than being **soaked up**.

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