

PRONUNCIATION

- a  **7.4** Listen to three sentences. Is *to* stressed? How is it pronounced?

I want to come. It's difficult to say. Try not to be late.



Linking words with the same consonant sound

When a word ends in a consonant sound and the next word begins with the same sound, we often link the words together and only make the consonant sound once. This happens when a word ends in /t/ before *to*, so, e.g. *want to* is pronounced /'wɒntə/.

- b  **7.5** Listen and complete questions 1–10 with three or four words.

1. Have you ever ¹ _____ something new and failed?
2. How important is it to know ² _____?
3. How long do you usually spend deciding ³ _____ in the morning?
4. Have you ever ⁴ _____ your phone during a class or concert?
5. Where are you ⁵ _____ for your next holiday?
6. Are you ⁶ _____ next weekend?
7. Would you like ⁷ _____ in another country?
8. Have you ever ⁸ _____ when you weren't?
9. Do you think it's important ⁹ _____ at school?
10. Do you think it's possible ¹⁰ _____ with an ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend?

- c Work in pairs. **A** ask **B** the first five questions. **B** give as much information as you can. Swap roles for the last five questions.