



CONNECTED SPEECH DETECTIVE

Name: _____

Date: _____



INSTRUCTIONS: You will listen to a short audio about connected speech three times. Complete each task as you listen. Pay close attention to how words sound when they are spoken naturally.

TASK 1

LISTEN AND CIRCLE

Listen to each expression and circle the one you hear.

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| 1 | I want to go | I wanna go |
| 2 | I'm going to go | I'm gonna go |
| 3 | I kind of want to go | I kinda wanna go |
| 4 | Don't you? | Doncha? |
| 5 | I have to do it | I hafta do it |
| 6 | Give me some time | Gimme some time |
| 7 | Let me think | Lemme think |

TASK 2

MATCH THE EXPRESSIONS

Write the correct letter.

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| 1 | ___ I dunno | A | I have to do it |
| 2 | ___ Gimme some time | B | I don't know |
| 3 | ___ Didja? | C | Give me some time |
| 4 | ___ Whatcha thinking? | D | Did you? |
| 5 | ___ Lemme think | E | What are you thinking? |
| 6 | ___ I hafta do it | F | Let me think |

TASK 3

COMPLETE THE MISSING EXPRESSION

Listen again and complete the conversation using the connected expressions.



- A: 1 _____ go?
- B: Yeah, 2 _____.
- A: 3 _____?
- B: 4 _____ ... maybe later.
- A: 5 _____?
- B: There are 6 _____ people here.

WORD BANK

- wanna
- gonna
- doncha
- lemme think
- lotta
- didja

TASK 4

REFLECTION

Answer the questions.

- Which connected expression was the easiest to recognize?

- Which expression was the most difficult to understand?

- Why do you think native speakers use connected speech?

CHALLENGE!



Listen one last time.

✓ Put a ✓ next to the expressions you hear.

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| ☐ wanna | ☐ didja |
| ☐ gonna | ☐ gimme |
| ☐ kinda | ☐ dunno |
| ☐ doncha | ☐ whatcha |
| ☐ hafta | ☐ lemme |
| ☐ lotta | ☐ trynna |
| ☐ shoulda | |