

English Pronunciation Course

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Lecture 2



Outline:

Linking Vowel to Vowel

Linking Consonant to Vowel

(linking vowel to vowel)

Vowel to Vowel
Linking in
American English

Linking: Vowels Using /y/ and /w/

To link smoothly from vowel sound to vowel sound, add a **small, quick** /y/ or /w/ between the vowels.

Examples:

very old: /vɛri/ + /oʊld/ → [vɛri~~y~~oʊld]
so old: /soʊ/ + /oʊld/ → [soʊ~~w~~oʊld]

Don't do:

Using the **wrong sound** will sound very awkward!
very old: /vɛri/ + /oʊld/ → ~~[vɛri~~w~~oʊld]~~
so old: /soʊ/ + /oʊld/ → ~~[soʊ~~y~~oʊld]~~

Don't do:

Using **glottal stops** [ʔ] will sound choppy
very old: /vɛri/ + /oʊld/ → ~~[vɛri~~ʔ~~oʊld]~~
so old: /soʊ/ + /oʊld/ → ~~[soʊ~~ʔ~~oʊld]~~

Practice

<https://pronuncian.com/linking-vowels-into-vowels>

(Linking Consonant to Vowel)

Linking Final Consonants to Words Beginning with a Vowel

Rules to Remember

When a word with a final consonant is followed by a word beginning with a vowel, we link the consonant to the vowel in the next word.

Why?

- The final consonant will be easier to say.
- Your speech will sound more natural.
- Understanding this rule will help improve your listening skills because you will start to hear when native speakers do this.

Examples

- time off ---> ti-moff
- date of ---> da-tof
- keep up ---> kee-pup
- at a ---> a-ta

Note

When linking a final /t/ to a vowel, the /t/ sound often changes to a fast "d" sound.

- Examples:

- date of = da-dəv
- at a = a-də

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Forget about it.
[fəˌ ɡɛ _də 'baʊ _dɪt]



1. What's up?
2. ten hours a day
3. That's what I thought.
4. What is it?
5. It's his anniversary.
6. I'm on the train.
7. This is too much.
8. Forget about it.



Thank You