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ENGLISH PHONETICS

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Lesson 34
Linking

Listen to the teacher.



red dress



two apples



like it

Linking involves **joining words** in a speech for smooth transitioning and avoiding awkward pauses.



red dress

redress



two apples

twoapples



like it

likit

consonant + consonant

when the first word ends with a consonant sound and the next word starts with **the same sound**



big game

cold day

what time

biggame

colday

whatime

vowel + vowel

add a **/j/** sound if the first word ends with these vowels:

/i/, **/aɪ/**, **/eɪ/**, or **/ɔɪ/**

say it

the ant

he asks

say **/j/** it

the **/j/** ant

he **/j/** asks



vowel + vowel

add a **/w/** sound if the first word ends with these vowels:

/u/, */aʊ/*, */əʊ/*, or */ju/*

so old

how are

few eggs

so**w**old

how**w**are

few**w**eggs



consonant + vowel

carry the ending consonant
sound of the first word **over** to
the next word



work at

leave it

look alike

workat

leavit

lookalike

Listen to the teacher.



Remember!

Words are linked together
based on their sounds and
not their spellings.

**Tick (✓) the circle if the phrases
can be linked together.**

do it

outside the

the woman

pink car

nice scarf

an elephant

Identify the linking rule appropriate for each phrase, then link it.

CC

CV

VV

① men ate



② he asked



③ some men



④ evil laugh



Identify the linking rule appropriate for each phrase, then link it.

	CC	CV	VV
5 look cool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6 few others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7 know anyone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8 come around	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Underline the words that can be linked.

- 1 I saw an eagle in the sky.
- 2 She sprinted down the street.
- 3 The black cats walk across the road.
- 4 I got up on the wrong side of the bed.
- 5 She opened the door to let in the fresh air.

Listen to the pronunciation trivia.

Do not Link!

If the word ends in the sounds /tʃ/ or /dʒ/, and the word after it starts in the same sound, both sounds should be pronounced. They are not linked.

each choice

orange juice



WELL DONE!

**Pronunciation Rule:
Linking**