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Supplementary Pronunciation Lessons (Unit 3)

LINKING SOUNDS

A. Consonant + Vowel (C + V)

The final consonant sound in a word is linked to the beginning vowel sound of the word next to it, and the two words sound like one word. The words love her, for example, sound exactly the same as the word lover. (The /h/ is omitted in the unstressed word her.)

Exercise 1 Read and practice.

1. They look alike. <they loo.kalike>
2. We visit him. <we visi.tim>
3. He's a student. <he.sa.student>
4. He's an only child. <he.sa.nonly child>

B. Consonant consonant + vowel (CC + V)

The final consonant sound in a consonant cluster is linked to the beginning vowel sound of the word next to it.

Exercise 2 Read and practice.

1. He lives in Tokyo. <he live.sin Tokyo>
2. I work in Caracas. <l wor.kin Caracas>
3. different occupations <differen.tocupations>

Consonant + Consonant (C + C)

The final consonant sound in a word is linked to the beginning consonant sound of the word next to it. To do this, pause slightly and then utter the second consonant. Make sure you produce this first consonant sound in C + C combinations: If you omit the final consonant sound /t/ in the words white shirt for example, people will hear you say, Why shirt.

Read and practice.

1. They look like you. They look:like you.
2. We visit them. We visit:them.
3. Not really. Not:really.
4. Right now. Right:now.

Consonant consonant + consonant (CC + C)

The final consonant sound in a consonant cluster is linked to the beginning consonant sound of the word next to it.

Read and practice.

1. I don't live near. I don't:live near.
2. We don't like that. We don't:like that.
3. He doesn't look like me. He doesn't:look:like me.