



"IH" /I/ Reading & Linking

Now that you've built your speed, it's time to dial up your fluency and naturalness. As you read you will now need to link your words together within each phrase or thought group.

For example: "Speaking clearly is not just about individual words" will become "Speakingclearlyisnotjustaboutindividualwords" as though it's one word within the phrase.

Be sure not to just speed up. Linking is about blending each word into the next; it's not about speed. Touch your throat as you say a phrase. Try to make the "buzz" of your voice continue through the phrase without stopping.

The first part of the reading will show you which words would be great to link together. After that, you can choose for yourself!

The Wonder of Linking

Speaking clearly is not just about individual words (link words in the phrase together)/; it's about the way words connect. / Linking is the secret skill / that makes English sound smooth, natural, and effortless. / When one word ends and the next begins, / your speech creates invisible bridges. / You don't pause between every word, / you allow sounds to flow together, / linking final and initial sounds seamlessly. /

Linking contributes to a natural rhythm. / By mastering linking, / your connected speech flows more naturally. / Practicing linking transforms choppy speech / into something musical and inviting. /

The habit of linking starts with awareness. Take time to notice the difference in linking between English and your own first language. Repeat sentences slowly at first with linking, then gradually increase your speed. Each improvement in linking that you make is a small improvement in fluency and naturalness.

Linking is also about connection. Not just between words, but between ideas. Linking speech helps listeners follow your ideas, it portrays words in a more meaningful message. By practicing linking every day, you invest in clarity and speaking effectiveness. Little bridges of linking lead to big progress, and the smallest improvements can make a big difference in how you communicate.