

# Linking sounds

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Refer to the way sounds connect smoothly when speaking, especially between words in connected speech. In English, certain sounds blend together or change slightly to facilitate smooth pronunciation and natural flow.

Los sonidos de enlace o de conexión se refiere a la manera en que los sonidos se conectan suavemente al hablar, especialmente entre palabras en el discurso conectado. En inglés, ciertos sonidos se mezclan o cambian ligeramente para facilitar una pronunciación fluida y un flujo natural.

## Examples:

- **Word-final /d/ to word-initial vowel:**  
"Good idea" is pronounced as "Goo-di-dea" (where /d/ links with the following /i/).

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- **Word-final /n/ to word-initial consonant:**  
"Green apple" is pronounced as "Gree-nap-ple" (where /n/ links with /a/).

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- **Word-final /s/ to word-initial vowel:**  
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- **Word-final /l/ to word-initial vowel:**  
"Real estate" is pronounced as "Rea-lestate" (where /l/ links with /e/).  
/r/ links with /e/).

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- **Word-final /f/ to word-initial vowel:**  
"Half empty" is pronounced as "Hal-fempty" (where /f/ links with /e/).

Wait for our next session for an audio of how 'linking sounds' would sound.

¡espera en nuestra próxima sesión un audio de cómo sonarían nos "linking sounds"!