



Linking

RULE:

If one word ends in a **consonant** sound,
and the next word begins with a **vowel** sound, LINK.

Example: Is Ann around?
Should I get a coffee for her?

Sometimes the [h] is dropped at the beginning
of words such as him, her, his, he.

Example: Tell him I'll call him after he gets in.

RULE:

If one word ends in a **vowel**,
and the next word begins with a **vowel**, LINK.

Example: Please say it slowly.
She always orders cappuccino.
Do you know her favourite donut?

RULE:

If one word ends with a **continuant consonant (not a stop)**,
and the next word begins with a **similar sound**, LINK.

Example: Call later.
Can I please speak to Will?
Does she miss school often?
Do they have vanilla?

RULE:

If one word ends with a **stop consonant** [p t k b d g] and
the next word begins with a **consonant**, the stop sound
will be "unreleased", and the sounds will blend together.

Example: I ordered two chocolate donuts.

If the sounds are the same, you will only say it once.

Example: Speak carefully.
He's an odd duck.

