

Pronunciation/ Listening Tips (2)

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Pronunciation

Rule: Pronunciation of /h/ after consonants

- Let **h**im go.
- I can send **h**er a message.
- In **h**is book Oliver Twist, Dickens **h**as talked about poverty.

Rule: Assimilation

/d/ becomes /g/ if the following word starts with /g/ or /k/
/d/ or /t/ become /b/ if the following word starts with /b/
/d/ or /t/ become /p/ if the following word starts with /p/

Good girl. She's a good girl. (goog girl)

Good boy. He's a good boy. (goob boy)

White paper. I only use white paper. (whipe paper)

Speed boat. I've never been in speed boat. (speeb boat)

Rule: Sounds change (assimilation)

- Because of the place in the mouth where certain sounds are made, sometimes the sound at the end of the first word changes to a completely different sound.
- **Can go**. We can go now. (kæŋ gəʊ)
Can buy. We can buy it. (cæm baɪ)
Green Park. I walked through **Green Park**. (gri:m pɑ:k)
On Monday. He arrives on Monday. (ɒn mʌndaɪ)

Rule: Sounds change (assimilation)

- There is another common form of assimilation when both the last sound of the first word and the first sound of the following word change to a third sound.
- Would you. Would **d** you like some tea?
Did you. Did **d** you see it?

Rule: Elision (Cont.)

d or t + ə

Drop d or t

Should **d** **th**ey come early?

Let **t** **th**em go.

At **t**he *end* of verbs

Talk about **t** **th**em.

Note: Ali **and** **t**he other boys are absent today.

Rule: Elision

$z + \text{ð}$

Drop z

Is **th**ere any life on Mars?

Rule 7: Semi-twinning

- When a word ends with the sound /t/ and the following word starts with /d/, drop the /t/.
- **Ex. What do you do?**
- **My greatest day at work**
- When a word ends with the sound /d/ and the following word starts with /t/, drop the /d/.
- **Ex. Hard times**
- **He should take my warning seriously.**

Rule 8: Pronunciation of “ed”

Pronunciation of ED



The pronunciation of words ending in ED depends on the final consonant (sound). There are three ways to pronounce ED:

/id/

T wanted
D needed

Voiced Sound
= uses the vocal
cords and they
produce a vibration
or humming sound
in the throat.

(Touch your throat to feel it)

/t/

P helped
K looked
SH washed
CH watched
GH laughed
TH breathed
SS kissed
C danced
X fixed

VOICELESS

/d/

L called
N cleaned
R offered
G damaged
V loved
S used
W followed
Y enjoyed
Z amazed

VOICED

Rule 9: Pronunciation of final "s"

Pronunciation of S

Plural Nouns - Verbs in Third Person



The pronunciation of words ending in S depends on the final consonant (sound). There are three ways to pronounce the S:

/iz/

SIBILANT

CE races
S buses
X boxes
Z prizes
SS kisses
CH watches
SH dishes
GE changes

Sibilant Sound
a hissing or
buzzing sound

/s/

VOICELESS

P sleeps
K books
T hats
F cliffs
PH graphs
TH myths

Voiced Sound
uses the vocal cords
and it produces a
vibration or humming
sound in the throat

/z/

VOICED

B crabs
D words
G bags
L deals
M dreams
N fans
NG sings
R wears
V gloves
Y plays