

# Pronunciation Tips

# Rule: Pronunciation of /h/ after consonants

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

# Rule: Sounds change (assimilation)

- Would you. Would **d y**ou like some tea?  
Did you. Did **d y**ou see it?

## Rule: Elision (Cont.)

### Omission of a vowel/syllable

- Chocolate      cho co late      choc lat
- Camera      ca me ra      cam ra
- Restaurant      res tau rant      rest rant
- Every
- Victory

## Rule: Elision (Cont.)

**/d/** or **/t/** + **/ə/**

Drop **/d/** or **/t/**

Should **d** *they* come early?

Let **t** *them* go.

At **t** *the end* of verbs

Talk about **t** *them*.

# Rule: Elision

**/z/ + /ð/**

Drop **/z/**

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

# Rule: 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: Pronunciation of “ed”

	<b>/id/</b>	<b>/d/</b>	<b>/t/</b>
<b>T</b>	Wanted	<b>V</b> Lived	<b>GH /f/</b> Laughed
	Visited	<b>M</b> Seemed	<b>P</b> Hoped
	Lasted	<b>N</b> Cleaned	<b>SH</b> Finished
	Insisted	<b>L</b> Called	<b>CH</b> Watched
		<b>R</b> Preferred	<b>TH</b> Mouthed
<b>D</b>	Needed	<b>Y</b> Enjoyed	<b>K</b> Cooked
	Added	<b>W</b> Followed	
	Sounded	<b>G</b> Bagged	<b>C /s/</b> Danced Replaced
	Avoided	Changed	<b>SS /s/</b> Missed
			<b>S /s/</b> Promised
			<b>X /s/</b> Fixed
		<b>TH</b> Breathed	
		<b>Z</b> Amazed	
		<b>S</b> Praised	
		<b>B</b> Grabbed	
		<b>All Vowels:</b>	
		Lie Lied Died	
		Owe Owed	