

Linking Words in Connected Speech with /w/ and /j/ Glides

Task 1: You saw that one kind of linking involves connecting the vowel sound at the end of one word with the vowel sound at the beginning of the following word. Since it is difficult to pronounce two vowel sounds in a row, we connect them with a consonant. Look at the text below and mark all the possible vowel-vowel links in bold.

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Task 2: Now that you found the places with vowel-vowel linking, decide which glide can be used to connect them and write it in the parentheses. Remember that when the first vowel is rounded, we use /w/. When the first vowel is unrounded, we use /j/.

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