

# Me and you, you and me

## Linking words together 2

## A

We use the sounds /j/ and /w/ to link a vowel sound at the end of a word with a vowel sound at the beginning of the next word.

- C38a** If the first word ends with a vowel sound like /i/ or /i:/, and the next word starts with any vowel sound, we use /j/ to link the words. Listen.

me <sup>j</sup>and you  
three <sup>j</sup>or four  
the <sup>j</sup>end

- C38b** If the first word ends with a vowel sound like /u/ or /u:/, and the next word starts with any vowel sound, we use /w/ to link the words. Listen.

you <sup>w</sup>and me  
two <sup>w</sup>or three  
go <sup>w</sup>outside

## B

Listen and repeat these poems.

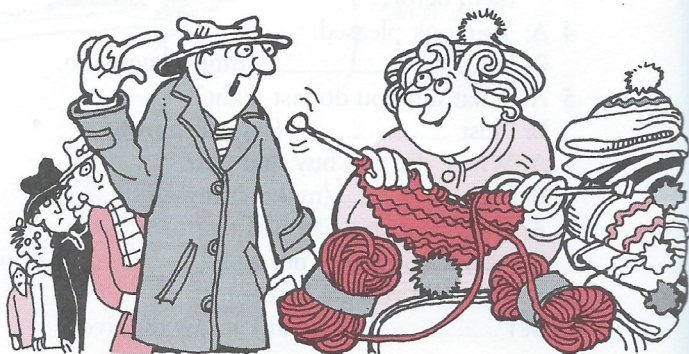
**C39a Asking the way**

Yes.  
Go <sup>w</sup>out of the building.  
Go <sup>w</sup>along the street.  
Go <sup>w</sup>over the bridge.  
Go <sup>w</sup>across the street.  
Go <sup>w</sup>up the hill.  
Take the <sup>j</sup>eleventh street on your left.  
And the <sup>j</sup>eleventh on your right.  
Then ...  
... I'm not sure –  
You'll have to <sup>w</sup>ask again.



**C39b Hats**

I'll do <sup>w</sup>one for you  
I'll give you <sup>w</sup>one too  
a nice one  
a new <sup>w</sup>one  
a yellow <sup>w</sup>and blue <sup>w</sup>one.



**C40**

The letter h at the beginning of *he*, *his*, *her* and *him* is often not pronounced (see Unit 37), so the first sound in these words is often a vowel sound. Listen.

He can't come out tonight. He's got to do <sup>w</sup>(h)is homework.

A: I'm afraid the boss is busy. B: When can I see <sup>j</sup>(h)er?

Important  
for listening



## Exercises

35.1



Listen and complete the dialogues. Then mark the /j/ and /w/ links.

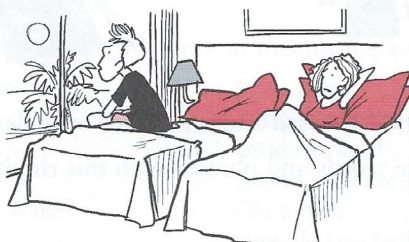
- 1 A: *Do you <sup>w</sup>often* go swimming? B: Not really, I ..... or twice a month.
- 2 A: What's ..... letter in the alphabet? B: Maybe it's G or H .....
- 3 A: When do ..... holiday? B: We ..... July or August.
- 4 A: What's your .....? B: Twenty-eight, Sea Avenue.
- 5 A: Try ..... soon. B: OK, I'll send you my answer .....
- 6 A: Look! There's ..... the mountains. B: Really? I can't .....

Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

35.2

Mark where you think there will be /j/ and /w/ links between words.

- 1 Is it blue <sup>w</sup>or grey?
- 2 What day is it today?  
Thursday or Friday?
- 3 Coffee or tea?
- 4 Where's my interview  
suit?
- 5 Play a song for me.
- 6 Hello. Reception?  
Which city is this?
- 7 See you in the evening.
- 8 Why do we always  
have to get up so  
early?



Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

35.3

Complete the answers to the questions and mark all the /j/ and /w/ links in the dialogues.

- 1 A: Are you the new assistant? B: Yes, I .....
- 2 A: Is he in the same class as you? B: No, he .....
- 3 A: Am I late? B: No, you ..... Come in.
- 4 A: Is she coming with us? B: Yes, she .....
- 5 A: These chairs aren't very comfortable, are they? B: No, they .....



Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.