



**Pronunciation: connected
speech to sound natural**



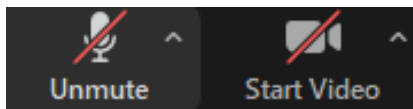
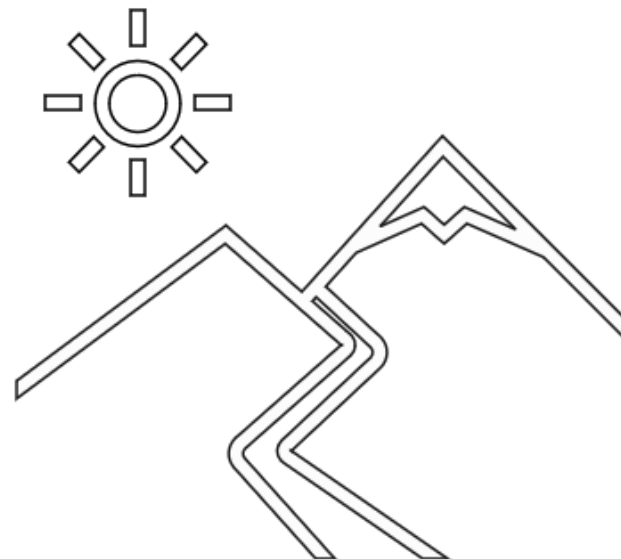
Introduction

Welcome to **Pronunciation Live25!**

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- **Practise on mute**
- Sit back and enjoy the ride!

Please be on mute

You can keep your cams off



Lead-in

No-one wants to sound like a robot when speaking English. Not even Siri.

The teacher will model how we change the sounds of some words to make our speech sound '*connected*' and *natural*. Remember, the others can't hear you, so you are safe to make plenty of sound out loud!

There are about 3 main topics we will cover:

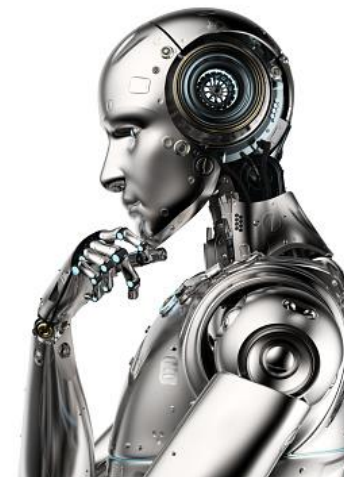
1. **linking**



2. **deletion**



3. **assimilation**



Let's focus

When we speak naturally, we do not say a word, stop, and then say the next word.

Sometimes words are **joined together to help with the rhythm.**

The way we say the **end and the **beginning** of words may change when we speak.**

Let's learn more about **3 ways to make our speaking sound more connected.**

Form



Linking simply means **'to link together'** as in a chain.

When a consonant sound at the end of one word carries on to the vowel sound at the beginning of the next word.

wake up: way kup

stop eating: sto peating

move over: moo vover

With the same consonant sounds together, *only a single sound is heard*:

hot tea: hotea

pet turtle: peturtle

move forward: mooforward

With some vowel sounds together, *a 'y' sound is added*:

I answered: I yanswered

enjoy it: enjoy yit

stay in: stay yin

With other vowel sounds together, *a 'w' may be added*:

go in: go win

do it: do yiy

how odd: how wodd

Form

Sometimes sounds are lost in speech. We can call this *elision*. It makes the language easier to say!

We often lose /t/ or /d/ when they happen to be close to each other. **Listen to the teacher model the phrase, and repeat after them!**

next door /t/ /d ➡ **neksdoor** /nɛksdɔː/

I don't know ➡ **dunno** /dʌnəʊ/

camera ➡ **kamra** /kæmɾɑː/

kind of ➡ **kinda** /kaɪndə/

blind man ➡ **blinman** /blaɪnman/

Would you like to buy an apple? ➡ **woodya like t'buy'napple?** /wʊdjələɪktəbaɪnɒpl/?

Form

Assimilation is when a single sound changes in speech, which is part of the rhythm and sound of natural language.

Listen to the teacher read these words and phrases, and say them out loud:

meet you	/t/	➡	/tʃ/	➡	meechu /mi:tʃju:/
did you	/d/	➡	/dʒ/	➡	didju /dɪdʒu:/
picture	/t/	➡	/kʃ/	➡	pikcha /pɪkʃə/
good boy	/d/	➡	/ʊb/	➡	gooboy /gʊbɔɪ/
pet kitten	/t/	➡	/k/	➡	pekitn /pɛkɪtn/

Meaning and use

Use of these patterns of **connected speech** to help your fluency and ability to be understood.

Your speech will flow more smoothly.

Remember:

linking
deletion (sound loss)
assimilation (sound change) **Easy!**

Now time to practise, practise, practise!



Practice

On mute, repeat these phrases after the teacher. Ready?

this orange /ðɪsɔrɪndʒ/

cats or dogs? /katsɔːdɒgz/ ?

most common /məʊskəmən/

don't you...? /daʊntʃuː/...?

would you /wʊdʒuː/

this afternoon /ðɪsaftənʊːn/

that apple /ðadæpəl/

meet you /miːtʃuː/

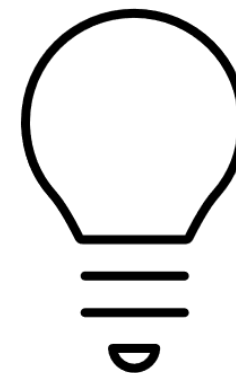
did you /dɪdʒuː/

thank you /θæŋkjuː/

Key point

Remember that sounds in words can change when we speak, as speaking is less formal, and connected speech is used to make the words easier to say.

Pronunciation tip: Listen to clear speakers of English and, while listening, focus on the way words sound connected in their sentences.



Pronunciation Checkout

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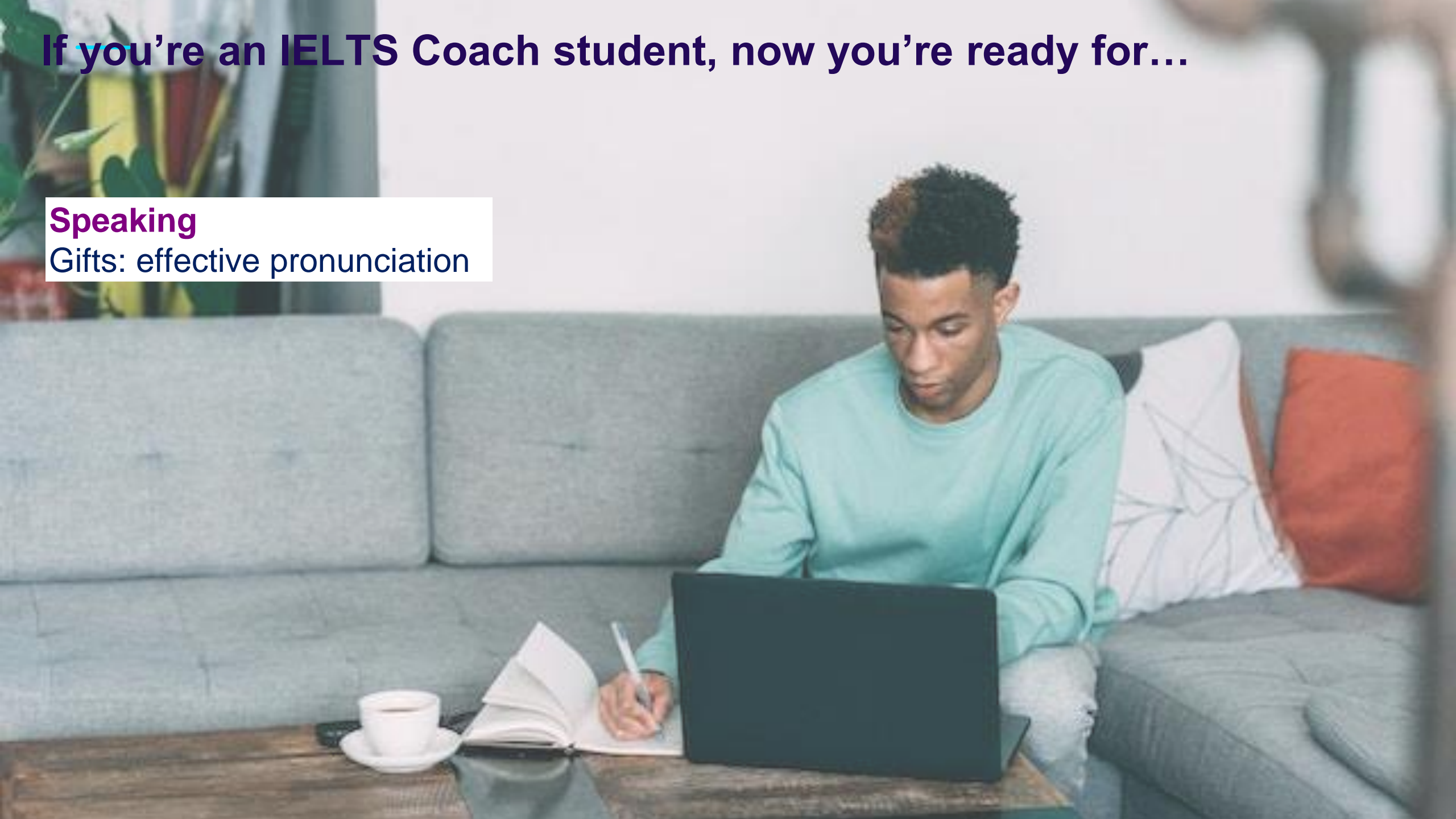


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