

- 2 What is your nearest World Heritage Site? Have you visited it? Do some research on the topic and practise talking about it, using some of the vocabulary in bold above.

IELTS Speaking Exam: Part 1



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- 6 You are going to hear some questions that are typical of Part 1 of the exam. Listen to the questions and record yourself answering them.

Now listen to the sample answers.

Pronunciation: Linking

- 7 1 Record yourself reading the sample answer to the first Part 1 question, beginning *Our most important festival is without doubt ...*



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- 2 Now listen to the sample answer on Track 31. Does the speech sound natural?

Listen to a second reading of the same sample answer on Track 32. How does it compare with the first?

- 3 Play your recording. Is it more similar to Track 31 or Track 32?

The speaker in Track 32 sounds more fluent partly because her linking is effective. Below we look at some of the rules governing linking in normal speech.



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- 8 1 Consonant + vowel

Listen:

in England

most important

Where one word ends in a consonant sound and the next word begins with a vowel sound, we do not pause between the words – we link the words.



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- 2 Vowel + vowel

- a Listen. What sound is inserted between the two vowel sounds?

- the end
- I ate

We add an extra sound, / ____ /, to link two vowel sounds when the first vowel is /eɪ/, /aɪ/, /ɔɪ/ or /i:/.



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- b Listen. What sound is inserted between the two vowel sounds? Complete the sentence below.

- too often
- so amazing

We add an extra sound, / ____ /, to link two vowel sounds when the first vowel is /aʊ/, /əʊ/ or /u:/.