



c Listen. Which sound links the words below? Complete the sentences below.

- far away
- I saw it

We add an extra sound, / ____ /, to link a word ending in *r* or *re* and a word beginning with a vowel. (Note that in many English accents, including standard British English, final *r* or *re* is not pronounced so these words end in a vowel sound.)

Many speakers also add / ____ / to link two vowel sounds when the first vowel is /ɪə/, /eə/, /ʊə/, /ɔ:/, /ɜ:/, /ɑ:/ or /ə/.

3 Practise linking all the words above correctly.

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- 1 Read Tracks 31 and 32 on page 123 and mark the words that should be linked.
- 2 Check your answers in the Answer key. Then practise reading the text, linking the words appropriately. Remember to pronounce any weak forms correctly, as well, e.g. *for*, *and*, *were*. Record yourself.
- 3 Listen to your initial recording of the sample answer. Have you improved?
- 4 Listen to your own Part 1 answers. Then answer the questions again, making an attempt to link words where appropriate.



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IELTS Speaking Exam: Part 2

Read this Part 2 question. Give yourself one minute to plan your answer, making notes if you wish. Then talk for one to two minutes. Try to use some of the vocabulary you have learnt on the topic of festivals.

Describe a festival that you enjoy.

You should say:

when the festival occurs

where it occurs

what happens during it

and explain why you enjoy the festival.

Now listen to the sample answer.

