VOWELS: A E I O U

CONSONANTS: B C D F G H J K L M N P Q R S T V W X Y Z

STOP CONSONANT SOUNDS:

/p/ /b/ /t/ /d/ /k/ /g/

/t/

1. Real T sound [t] tap
2. Flap / tap [d], auto
3. Stop T : [t|], wait

**When to make the tt [t] sound?**

1a. [t] when it begins a word or *stressed syllable*. [il, ]

1b. [t] when it is part of a consonant clusters

Beginning consonant clusters with T: st-, str, tr-

Ending consonant clusters with T: -ct, ft, -st, -pt

Connect, soft, first, slept

**Exception**: Ending consonant cluster -nt 🡪 actually [t|]

1c. The letter D is pronounced as a T sound when it is in the end of a word and is after an unvoiced consonant sound (f, k, p, s, ch, sh, th)

Picked = Pick(T)

Watched = watch (T)

**When to make the flap/tap t [d] sound**

2a. between two vowel or diphthongs sounds in a word

2b. between two vowel diphthong sound if they are linked in the sentence

Wha[t a]bou[t|] me?

Exception: vowel (or diphthong) – T- ən.[ing]

Tighten [t|], certain, written

**When to make it a stop [t|]**

3a. Ending cluster – nt

3b. When it’s followed by [ən]

tighten[ ‘tait | ten]

3c. When a word ends in a T

(except clusters and when it links to a word beginning with a vowel)

about, fitness

Christmas, whistle, mortgage

Cut off ‘t’ quickly.

3c. A sometimes and unofficial silent T !

[syllable ends **– N** t-unstressed ]

Interview, wanted

When to drop T and D?

Between two consonants

exactly

***Examples***

Wha~~t~~ time tomorrow ? A~~t~~ seven

I’m ou[t o]f here -> [d]

Chemistry’s at eight,

<http://www.really-learn-english.com/english-pronunciation-lesson-32-t-and-tt-sounds.html>

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