

Linking Consonants to Same Consonants

Linking is *smoothly connecting one word to the next* when speaking. We *link same continuous consonant sounds*. We also *link voiced and voiceless pairs of continuous consonant sounds (p/b, t/d, k/g, f/v, s/z, ch/j)*.

When you know the rules of linking, it will improve your ability to *better communicate with* and *understand* American English speakers. Here are some examples of linking words with same or similar consonant sounds:

p – p, p – b, b – b and b – p

- step parent – ste**p**arent
- step brother – ste**(p)**rother
- job began – job**e**gan
- club pass – clu**(b)**pass

d – d, d – t, t – t and t – d

- red dish – red**i**sh
- could take – cou**(d)**take
- get ten – get**e**n
- eight doctors – ei**(t)**doctors

k – k, k – g, g-g and g – k

- speak Korean – speak**e**an
- quick game – kwi**(k)**game
- big girl – big**i**rl
- dog catcher – do**(g)**kacher

f – f, f – v, v – v and v – f

- half filled – ha**f**illed
- rough voice – rou**(f)**voice
- lot of (ov) visitors – lot o**v**isitors
- lot of friends – lot o**(v)**friends

s – s, s- z, z – z and z – s

- less salt – les**a**lt
- this zipper – thi**(s)**zipper
- use zinc – uz**i**nc
- size seven – si**(z)**seven

Voiceless Consonant Sounds	Voiced Consonant Sounds
<p>Stop pushing. She hit two balls. She has a black cat. They had a tough fight. I bought both things. I miss Sue. I wish she were here.</p>	<p>The cab broke the telephone pole. What a nice old dog! She takes five vitamins a day. I want to breathe the fresh air. Call Laura right away. I need some money. She has nine nieces.</p>