



ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 5: VIRTUAL DOCTOR

Practise and consolidate your learning about linking words in spoken English by completing our activity 1 and 2. In activity 3 you have to decide the correct form of the word 'there'.

ACTIVITY 1

Say each of the phrases aloud. Identify which sound is used to link between vowels. Practise saying each word separately, and then saying the phrases as a continuous stream of speech.

1. really odd
2. goodbye, Olive
3. blue and green
4. today and tomorrow
5. go out tonight
6. how about a coffee
7. I asked her
8. you or him
9. the afternoon
10. too early





ACTIVITY 2

Spell out the following names and abbreviations, pronouncing /j/ or /w/ between vowels.

1. USA
2. Rory
3. Kim
4. ASAP
5. CPI
6. Diane
7. UHF
8. Thomas
9. Simon
10. PA

ACTIVITY 3

Choose which form of 'there' is used in the following sentences.

1. There were a lot of people at the concert.
 - a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
 - b. adverb of place
 - c. real subject agrees with plural verb form
2. We didn't stay there very long.
 - a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
 - b. adverb of place
 - c. real subject agrees with plural verb form
3. Is there a newsagent near here?
 - a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
 - b. adverb of place
 - c. real subject agrees with plural verb form
4. There goes our train.
 - a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
 - b. adverb of place
 - c. real subject agrees with plural verb form



5. There are only three tickets left for the tennis match.
 - a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
 - b. adverb of place
 - c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

6. Don't forget there's an ATM at the petrol station if you need money.
 - a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
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 - c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

7. Can't you see the video cassette is there on the table.
 - a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
 - b. adverb of place
 - c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

8. There are two ways of solving the problem.
 - a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
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 - c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

9. I think there was a knock at the door.
 - a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
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10. Don't worry, they'll be waiting for you there.
 - a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
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 - c. real subject agrees with plural verb form





ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1

Say each of the phrases aloud. Identify which type of linking is used. Practise saying each word separately, and then saying the phrases as a continuous stream of speech.

1. **really odd**
/'ri:li j ɒd/ vowel + /j/ + vowel linking
2. **goodbye, Olive**
/gʊd'baɪ j ɒlɪv / vowel + /j/ + vowel linking
3. **blue and green**
/blu w ænd grin/ vowel + /w/ + vowel linking
4. **today and tomorrow**
/tə'deɪ j ænd tə'mɒrəʊ/ vowel + /j/ + vowel linking
5. **go out tonight**
/gəʊ w aʊt tə'naɪt/ vowel + /w/ + vowel linking
6. **how about a coffee**
/haʊ w ə'baʊtə 'kɒfi / vowel + /w/ + vowel linking
7. **I asked her**
/aɪ j ɑskt hɜ/ vowel + /j/ + vowel linking
8. **you or him**
/ju w ɔ hɪm/ vowel + /w/ + vowel linking
9. **the afternoon**
/ði j aftə'nun/ vowel + /j/ + vowel linking
10. **too early**
/tu 'w ɜli / vowel + /w/ + vowel linking



ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

Spell out the following names and abbreviations, pronouncing /j/ or /w/ between vowels.

1. USA /ju wɛs 'eɪ/ United States of America
2. Rory /a ɒ wə waɪ/
3. Kim /keɪ jɑɪ jɛm/
4. ASAP /Eɪ jɛs Eɪ 'Pi/ As Soon As Possible
5. CPI /si pi 'jɑɪ/ consumer price index
6. Diane /di jɑɪ jɛɪ jɛn i/
7. UHF /ju weɪtʃ'ɛf/ ultra-high frequency
8. Thomas /ti jɛɪf ɒ wɛm eɪ jɛs/
9. Simon /ɛs aɪ jɛm ɒ wɛm/
10. PA /pi 'jɛɪ/ personal assistant

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