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ACTIVITY SHEET EPISODE 8: CROCODILE TOURISM

Our activity sheet this week contains 4 activities, which look at the way words are linked in spoken English.

To make your spoken English sound natural you need to link words ending in a 'final consonant' sound to words with an 'initial yowel' sound.

You can listen to the audio for this activity on the Study English website. Go to http://abcasiapacific.com/studyenglish/default.htm open Episode 8 and then the Activities section.

ACTIVITY 1

Listen to the way the reporter links her words when describing the crocodile attack incident. (Look for the Listen icon **insert image** on the activities page to play the audio)

REPORTER:

In October last year, German tourist Isabel Von Jordan was attacked and killed by this 4m crocodile. She was one of nine Europeans on a guided tour in Kakadu National Park run by adventure company Gondwana. The death is being investigated by the Northern Territory coroner. The tour guide was sentenced to three years jail for committing a dangerous act causing death. His sentence was suspended.

ACTIVITY 2

Let's practise linking these words:



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/ˈdʒɜmən tʊərəst/
German tourist
                                                                                  > /'nbctb' nav ladezı'/ ←
Isabel Von Jordan
was attacked and
                                                                                           /wɒ zə 'tæk tən/ 'ed' ending here: /t/
killed by
                                                                                              /kɪld baɪ/
one of
                                                                          /wx nəv/
Europeans on a \Rightarrow /jurə piən zv nə/
guided tour \Rightarrow /'gaidəd tuə/ 'ed' ending here: /əd/
                                                                                 ⇒ /ɪn kækə'du
in Kakadu
National Park ⇒ /'næ∫ənəl pak/
run by adventure \Rightarrow /r\n bai j \nid 'v\nt\forall \forall /j/ inserted between vowels
death is
                                                                                 ⇒ /dε θiz/
being investigated ⇒ /'bi ɪŋɪn 'vɛstəgeɪtɪd/
                                                                       ⇒ /tʊə gaɪd/
tour guide
sentenced to \Rightarrow /'sɛntəns tə/ 'ed' ending here: /t/
                                                                                ⇒ /Orijiəz dzeil/
three years jail
committing a \Rightarrow /k = mI tI \eta = /mI tI n = /
                                                                           ⇒ /'deɪnʤərə sækt/
dangerous act
causing death
                                                                                ⇒ /kɔzɪŋ dεθ/
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ACTIVITY 3

Listen to the Reporter again, and then practise reading the passage concentrating on the ends and the beginnings of the words.

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ACTIVITY 4

Choose a word or phrase in the box to match the list of words on the left. Mark the linking. One has been done for you. Make sure you link the last sound of the word and the first sound of the following word.

teacher and night match or two or false

eyes expensive of flowers of students evening

- 1. head ⇔ teacher head teacher
- 2. Wednesday
- 3. a bunch
- 4. too
- 5. a number
- 6. tennis



- 7. one
- 8. blue
- 9. true
- 10. day

ACTIVITY 4 ANSWERS

- 1. head teacher /'h ϵ d 'titfə/
- 2. Wednesday evening /ˈwɛnzdeɪjivnɪŋ/

/i/

- 3. a bunch of flowers /əbʌn tʃəv flaʊəz/
- 4. too expensive /tuwək 'spεnsıv/
- 5. a number of students /ə'nʌmbə rəv 'stjudnts/
- 6. tennis match /'tɛnəs mætʃ/
- 7. one or two /'wʌ nɔ 'tu/
- 8. blue eyes /bluwaiz/ /w/
- 9. true or false /'truwɔ 'fɔls/ /w/
- 10. day and night /'deɪjæn 'naɪt/