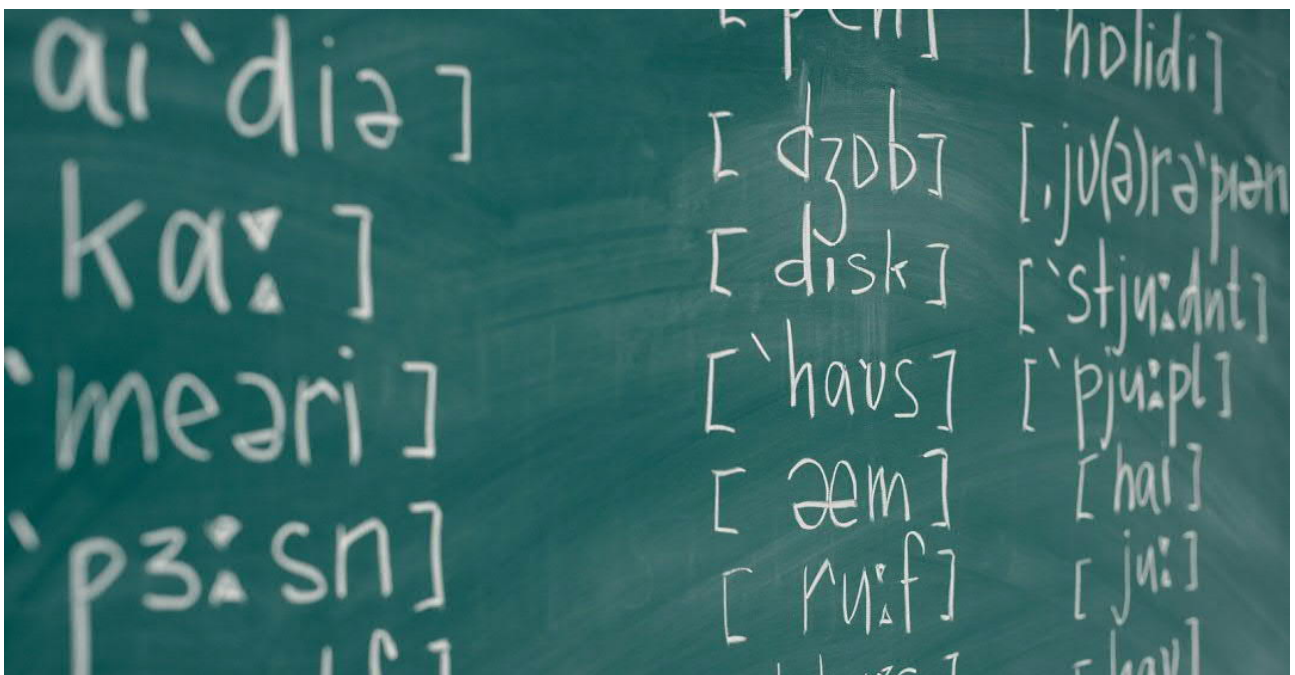


# Material para los PRÁCTICOS




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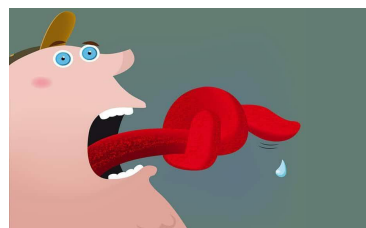


## Plosives – Allophonic variations / PART 1

1. In the theoretical classes you have already been working on **plosives** and their **allophonic variations**. Now watch the following [video](#) by Geoff Lindsay, and practise producing **aspiration**.



2. Now it's your time to practise **plosives**.  
The different tasks in the material take you step by step into production: **recognise, practise/repeat and produce**.  
Also, look out for, practise and produce **aspiration**. Use the tips in the previous video if necessary.
- Go to  [SELECTION from Unit 8 /p/ pen /b/ bad<sup>1</sup>](#) and complete the tasks. Circle the words which have an **aspirated** plosive in tasks 1.1, 1.3 and 4.1.
  - Go to  [SELECTION from Unit 9 /t/ tea /d/ did<sup>2</sup>](#) and complete the tasks. Circle the words which have an **aspirated** plosive in tasks 1.1, 1.3 and 4.1a .
  - Go to  [SELECTION from Unit 10 /k/ cat /g/ get<sup>3</sup>](#) and complete the tasks. Circle the words which have an **aspirated** plosive in tasks 1.1, 1.3 and 4.2a
3. Now that you have been focusing on plosives, try this further [PRACTICE SEQUENCE 1 – Difficult Sounds](#) to practise the difference between **alveolar plosives** and **dental fricatives**, which Spanish speakers usually find quite challenging.



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<sup>1</sup> O'Connor, J.D. and Fletcher, D. 1993. *Sounds English A pronunciation practice book*. Longman.

<sup>2</sup> O'Connor, J.D. and Fletcher, D. 1993. *Sounds English A pronunciation practice book*. Longman.

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## KEYS

### Key to UNITS 8, 9 and 10

#### UNIT 8

1.2 1 pit 2 bat 3 port 4 bull 5 pride 6 rope 7 tribe 8 tap 9 cub  
10 rib

1.3 1 pet 2 pin 3 bears 4 peach 5 blaze 6 robe 7 tripe 8 rib

#### UNIT 9

1.2 1 do 2 den 3 ton 4 town 5 drain 6 side 7 heart 8 plate 9 bad  
10 set

1.3 1 trains 2 dyed 3 trunk 4 rides 5 cart 6 hit 7 bed

#### UNIT 10

1.2 1 could 2 cot 3 goat 4 cave 5 glue 6 league 7 pick 8 log  
9 angle 10 crow

1.3 1 cards 2 girl 3 cold 4 class 5 clue 6 bag 7 log

### Key to ASPIRATION recognition and practice.

#### UNIT 8

##### 1.1 Listen, and practise the difference.

pit	bit	rope	robe
pat	bat	tripe	tribe
port	bought	tap	tab
pull	bull	cup	cub
pride	bride	rip	rib

##### 1.3 Listen to the sentences

For each one, write the word you hear.

- 1 Have you got a pet/bet?
- 2 There's a pin/bin in the corner.
- 3 She saw some pears/bears in the garden.
- 4 The peach/beach was dirty.
- 5 Have you seen the plays/blaze?
- 6 The rope/robe is too short.
- 7 What does tripe/tribe mean?
- 8 The doctor looked at the rip/rib.

##### 4.1 Listen, and practise this conversation in a travel agent's.

- A: Good morning. I'd like to book a cheap spring holiday. What package holidays are available?
- B: There's a splendid holiday in Paris.
- A: I expect Paris is expensive.
- B: There is a cheap period between November and February. You can compare our prices with other companies. Ours are cheaper.
- A: But I don't want to go in February. I'd prefer April.
- B: Well, April in Paris is beautiful. But it's very popular. Most package tours in April are fully booked.
- A: Yes, I remember my neighbour went to Paris in April. She belongs to a travel club. It was beautiful. But the airport was very busy. What other places are available in April?
- B: Here's a brochure, with all the places and prices.
- A: Right, I'll probably be back tomorrow. Goodbye.

## UNIT 9

### 1.1 Listen, and practise the difference.

two	do	sight	side
ten	den	heart	hard
ton	done	plate	played
town	down	bat	bad
train	drain	set	said

### 1.3 Listen to the sentences

For each one, write the word you hear.

- 1 There was something wrong with the trains/drains.
- 2 She tied/dyed the scarf.
- 3 They saw a trunk/drunks lying on the ground.
- 4 He writes/rides very well.
- 5 This cart/card has just arrived.
- 6 My brother hit/hid the ball.
- 7 He has never made a bet/bed.

### 4.1a Listen, and practise this conversation in a library.

- A: Good afternoon. I've just joined the library. How many books can I take out?
- B: You can take two books, and keep them for ten days. After that, if you have finished them, you return them. If you haven't finished, you can renew them.
- A: How do I do that? Must I visit the library?
- B: No, you can telephone. Tell us the titles of the books, and the date they are due for return.
- A: Splendid. Can you tell me where to find Thomas Hardy's books? I'm studying Victorian writers. I've read two of Thomas Hardy's books - *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, and *Far from the Madding Crowd*. Today I want *A Tale of Two Cities*, or *David Copperfield*.
- B: Actually *A Tale of Two Cities* and *David Copperfield* are by Charles Dickens.

## UNIT 10

### 1.1 Listen, and practise the difference.

could	good	leak	league
cot	got	pick	pig
coat	goat	lock	log
cave	gave	ankle	angle
clue	glue	crow	grow

### 1.3 Listen to the sentences

For each one, write the word you hear.

- 1 One of the cards/guards is missing.
- 2 What a beautiful curl/girl!
- 3 My cold/gold has gone.
- 4 Sarah's class/glass is quite big.
- 5 There's no clue/glue.
- 6 I could see her back/bag in the crowded train.
- 7 He cut through the lock/log.

**4.2a Listen, and practise this conversation between a husband and wife.**

- A: I can't do all the housework and all the cooking. You've got to do more.  
B: You don't do all the housework and all the cooking. I cook the breakfast.  
A: And I clean the kitchen.  
B: I take the dog for a walk.  
A: I take the kids to school.  
B: I do the gardening.  
A: No you don't. I cut the grass.  
B: I dig the garden.  
A: Once a year, in August.  
B: I make you a cup of coffee every evening.  
A: I cook the supper.  
B: I clean the car.  
A: I pick up your things.  
B: OK. Let's change over. I'll pick up my own things. And you can clean the car.  
A: You can cook supper.  
B: You can make the coffee.  
A: You can cut the grass.  
B: You can dig the garden.  
A: Once a year, in August. You can take the kids to school.  
B: You can take the dog for a walk.  
A: You can clean the kitchen.  
B: And we'll give up cooked breakfasts.



### Down in Paris and London *doi* (George Orwell)



1. Listen to Orwell describing his experience as a tramp in London in the 1930's (audio file 'Down in London. Orwell'). Answer the following questions. Use the script from ex. 2 to check your answers.

#### AUDIOFILE

- a) How did the speaker feel the night he is recalling?
  - b) Why would people notice a 'disparity' between his accent and his clothes?
  - c) Why do you think he was so shocked when he was called 'mate'?
  - d) Do you agree with him when he says 'clothes are powerful things'?
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2. Transcribe the fragment and check it with the **key** at the end of this document.

1. I stayed in the streets till late at night, keeping on the move all the time. Dressed as I was, I  
2. was half afraid that the police might arrest me as a vagabond, and I dared not speak to  
3. anyone imagining that they must notice a disparity between my accent and my clothes.  
4. (Later I discovered that this never happened) My new clothes had put me instantly into a  
5. new world. Everyone's demeanour seemed to have changed abruptly. I helped a hawker pick  
6. up a barrow that he had upset. 'Thanks, mate,' he said with a grin. No one had called me  
7. mate before in my life – it was the clothes that had done it. For the first time I noticed, too,  
8. how the attitude of women varies with a man's clothes. When a badly dressed man passes  
9. them they shudder away from him with quite frank movement of disgust, as though he were  
10. a dead cat. Clothes are powerful things. Dressed in a tramp's clothes it is very difficult, at  
11. any rate for the first day, not to feel that you are genuinely degraded. You might feel the  
12. same shame, irrational but real, your first night in prison.

3. **Reflect upon processes in connected speech. Answer the following questions.**

a. Do you perceive any difference between the /t/ sounds in 'streets', 'late' and 'time'?

Lines 1 and 2: Find one example of an **aspirated** plosive and one of an **unaspirated** plosive.

Are there cases of plosives that are **weakly aspirated** in these two lines?

b. What happens when alveolar sounds /t, d, n, l/ are followed by dental sounds?

Lines 3 and 4: Find two examples of **dentalization**.

c. What are homorganic and non-homorganic sounds?

Lines 5 and 6: Find an example with 2 homorganic plosives together and another with 2 non-homorganic plosives together. How do you call these processes and how do they differ from each other?

d. Which sounds can be devoiced and when?

Line 7: Find examples of **devoicing**.

e. In what way does the lateral affect the release of a plosive?

Line 8: Find one example of **lateral release**.

f. What happens when a plosive is *preceded* by its homorganic nasal?

Lines 9 and 10: Find 2 examples of **omission of the onset**.

g. And if the plosive is *followed* by its homorganic nasal?

Line 12: Find one example of **nasal release**.

h. There are two possible ways of releasing a plosive that is followed by a pause or a silence. Which ones?

Line 11: Find one example of **non-audible release**.

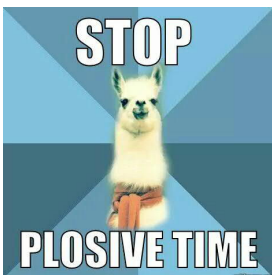
i. Repeat the words /ki:p/ (line 1) and /kɔ:ld/ (line 6) paying attention to the production of the initial sound in each word. You can probably feel that the contact between the main articulators is advanced in the 1<sup>st</sup> case and more retracted in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. How do we call these processes and when do they occur? Are there other examples in the fragment?

## KEY

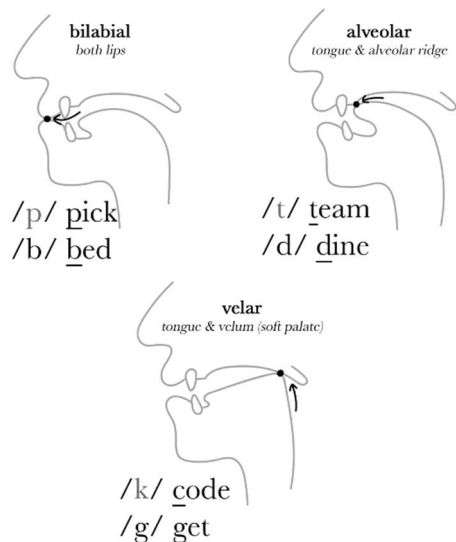
### Key to transcription

/aɪ steɪd ɪn ðə stri:tɪz tɪl leɪt et naɪt/ 'ki:pɪŋ ɒn ðə  
mu:v ɔ:l ðə taɪm/ drɛst ɛz aɪ wɒz/ aɪ wɛz ha:f ə'freɪd  
ðə pə'li:s maɪt ə'rest mi ɛz ə vægəbɒnd/ ən aɪ deəd nɒt  
spi:k tu 'ɛniwʌn ɪ'mædʒɪnɪŋ ðət ðeɪ məst 'nəʊtɪs ə  
dɪs'pærɪti bi'twi:n maɪ 'æksənt ən maɪ kləʊðz/  
/'leɪtə r aɪ dɪs'klʌvəd ðət ðɪs 'nɛvə 'hæpənd/ maɪ nju:  
kləʊðz həd put mi 'ɪnstəntli 'ɪntu ə nju: wɜ:ld/'ɛvrɪwʌnz  
dɪ'mi:nə si:md tə hæv tʃeɪndʒd ə'brʌptli/ aɪ hɛlpt ə  
'hɔ:kə pik ʌp ə 'bæreʊ ðət hi həd ʌp'set/ θæŋks meɪt hi  
sɛd wið ə grin/  
/nəʊ wʌn həd kɔ:ld mi meɪt bɪfɔ: r ɪn maɪ laɪf/ ɪt wɛz ðə  
kləʊðz ðət həd dʌn ɪt/ fə ðə fɜ:st taɪm aɪ 'nəʊtɪst  
tu: haʊ ði 'ætɪtju:d əv wɪmɪn 'veərɪz wið ə mænz kləʊðz/  
wɛn ə'bædli drɛst mæn 'pɔ:sɪz ðəm ðeɪ 'ʃʌdə r ə'weɪ frəm  
hɪm wið kwaɪt ə fræŋk 'mu:vmənt əv dɪs'gʌst/ ɛz ðəʊ hi  
wə r ə dɛd kæt/ kləʊðz ə 'pauəfəl θɪŋz/ drɛst ɪn ə  
træmps kləʊðz ɪts 'veri 'dɪfɪkəlt/ət 'ɛni reɪt fə ðə  
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ju maɪt fi:l ðə seɪm ʃeɪm/ ɪ'ræʃənəl bət 'veri rɪəl/ jɔ:  
fɜ:st naɪt ɪn 'prɪzn/

## MORE on Plosives



Work on the following [PRACTICE SEQUENCE 2 – Plosives](#) to keep improving your plosives.



## Assimilation – Part 1

In the theoretical classes you have already been working on **assimilation of place**.

- 1- The following videos show how some sounds assimilate some characteristic to the surrounding sounds. These are just some examples as there are many sounds that assimilate to others in English!

Now watch the videos and practise assimilating different sounds.



### Assimilation of /t/ followed by /p/

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i\\_ohrkQmzdQ&list=PLcetZ6gSk96-ayXj5thbTpbh2vHWpP08o&index=4&t=167s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_ohrkQmzdQ&list=PLcetZ6gSk96-ayXj5thbTpbh2vHWpP08o&index=4&t=167s)

### Assimilation of /n/ followed by /p/

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yrzg7DDo0ao&list=PLcetZ6gSk96-ayXj5thbTpbh2vHWpP08o&index=14&t=0s>

### Assimilation of /d/ with /j/

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rXIFsd-yUA&list=PLcetZ6gSk96-ayXj5thbTpbh2vHWpP08o&index=8&t=0s>

### Assimilation of /t/ with /j/

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzCvN1dJP1Y&list=PLcetZ6gSk96-ayXj5thbTpbh2vHWpP08o&index=15&t=10s>

- 2- The different tasks in this material take you step by step into production: **recognise**, **practise/repeat** and **produce**. Remember that whenever you read in the material *practise* or *repeat*, it's your turn to do so.

Do the exercises below for further practice on assimilation:

1a. The underlined word in each sentence sounds like one of the words in the box. Match them. Then [listen](#) and check:

EXAMPLE: torch / talk

- a. I taught classes this morning. talk
- b. You taught yourself French. torch



sum / sung

- a. The sun burnt my neck.
- b. The sun came up over the mountains.



beak / beach

- a. I can't beak you at this game.
- b. I can beak Carol at tennis.



coke / coach

- a. I can't get this coke clean.
- b. Is this the coke you bought?



cheap / cheek

- a. They cheap quite a lot.
- b. They cheap people out of their money.

1b. What kind of assimilation do the sentences exemplify? In each case, specify if the assimilation is progressive/regressive, of voice/place or coalescent.

2a. Think of a computer which people speak into and it writes what they say. This computer wrote these sentences incorrectly. [Listen](#). Guess from the content what is wrong in each case and correct the mistakes. Sometimes there is more than one mistake!

*EXAMPLE:* Watch your name? What's

- i. I hake going to museumz and arc galleriez. ....
- ii. Have you ever tribe Belgian beer? .....
- iii. I got ache questions correct out of ten.....
- iv. She'z a goob player and can wing games against mosp people.....
- v. He copied out the text lime by line. ....
- vi. It was a bag question; nobody got the answer right. ....

2b. What kind of assimilation do the 'mistakes' exemplify? In each case, specify if the assimilation is progressive/regressive, of voice/place or coalescent.

3. You will hear sentences with one of the two beginnings given. [Listen](#) and complete the correct sentence. Put a '—' in the other space.

**EXAMPLE**

He put the soup back in the pan



He put the suit back in the --

1. I got this cut by \_\_\_\_\_  
I got this cup by \_\_\_\_\_

2. I'll have to warn my \_\_\_\_\_  
I'll have to warm my \_\_\_\_\_

3. Her heart broke when \_\_\_\_\_  
Her harp broke when \_\_\_\_\_

4. It's the last turn before \_\_\_\_\_  
It's the last term before \_\_\_\_\_

4. Listen to the tracks in exercise 1, 2 and 3 again. Repeat the sentences. You may want to use a mirror or the front camera of your phone. Think about how you articulate the sounds. Record your production and compare it to the original tracks. Go back to the Oral Practice Tutorial for further ideas.

## KEYS

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1.

- a. The sun burnt my neck. **sum - regressive assimilation of place**  
b. The sun came up over the mountains. **sung - regressive assimilation of place**

- a. I can't beat you at this game. **beach – coalescent assimilation**  
b. I can beat Carol at tennis. **beak - regressive assimilation of place**

- a. I can't get this coat clean. **coke - regressive assimilation of place**  
b. Is this the coat you bought? **coach – coalescent assimilation**

- a. They cheat quite a lot. **cheek - regressive assimilation of place**  
b. They cheat people out of their money. **cheap - regressive assimilation of place**

2.

1. I **hake** going to museum**z** and arc gallerie**z**. = **I hate going to museums and art galleries**  
**hate/ hake + art/ arc = regressive assimilation of place**  
**museums/ museumz + galleries / galleriez = progressive assimilation of voice**

2. Have you ever **tribe** Belgian beer? = **Have you ever tried Belgian beer?**  
**tried / tribe = regressive assimilation of place**

3. I got **ache** questions correct out of ten. = **I got eight questions correct out of ten.**  
**eight / ache = regressive assimilation of place**

4 She'**z** a goob**b** player and can win**g** game**z** against mos**p** people. = **She's a good player and can win games against most people**  
**She's / she's + games/ gamez = progressive assimilation of voice**  
**good / goob + mosp / most = regressive assimilation of place**

5 He copied out the text **lime** by line. = **He copied out the text line by line**  
**Lime/ line = regressive assimilation of place**

6 It was a **bag** question; nobody got the answer right. = **It was a bad question; nobody got the answer right**  
**bad / bag = regressive assimilation of place}**

3.

1. I got this cut by \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_  
I got this cup by \_\_\_\_\_ winning the game \_\_\_\_\_

2. I'll have to warn my \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_  
I'll have to warn my \_\_\_\_\_ hands \_\_\_\_\_

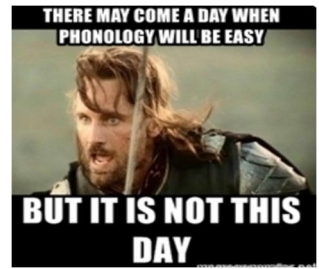
3. Her heart broke when \_\_\_\_\_ he left her \_\_\_\_\_  
Her harp broke when \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

4. it's the last turn before \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_  
It's the last term before \_\_\_\_\_ the holidays \_\_\_\_\_

## Assimilation – Part 2

In the theoretical classes you have been working on phonemic and allophonic assimilation.

1 - **Dictation:** You will listen to twenty isolated sentences. Complete the transcriptions with one, two or more words.



1. / bi keəfəl / ðæts ..... /



2. / ki:p ən ðə..... /



3. / həv ju klɪəd..... /



4. / ðeɪ.....dʒɒb ən fraɪdeɪ /

5. /.....lɪki ɔ:r ʌnlɪki /

6. / baɪ/..... /



7. / aɪ dʒəst kept gəʊɪŋ əntɪl aɪ sɔ:r ə stri:t..... /

8. / aɪ ɪkspekt ðəl bi ə dɪleɪ..... /

9. / aɪ tɔ:kt tə ðə kəmpju:tə mæn..... /

12:40	12:36	Delayed
12:45	13:09	
12:45	13:07	Delayed
13:15	13:56	Delayed
16:30		Delayed



10. /aɪ..... du: səm ʃɒpɪŋ ən ðə weɪ /

11. /..... brɛzɪl wɪn /

12. /aɪ..... jʊd ɡɒn bæk /

13. /ðeɪ hævnɪt..... /



14. /.....bɪsaɪd mi /

15. /ʃɪ.....dezətən ə kæməl /

16. /wɪv ɡɒt tə .....baɪ sɪks /

17. /dəʊnt..... /

18. /ʃul si: ə .....ən jə left /



19. /ðə .....ni:d klɪ:nɪŋ /



20. /aɪ.....maɪ maɪnd /

Check your answers to exercise 1. You can see the version of your answers in ordinary spelling, too.

1. / bi keəfəl ðæts <b>wɛp</b> peɪnt /	Be careful – that's wet paint!
2. /ki:p ɒn ðə <b>fʊtpa:θ</b> /	Keep on the footpath
3. /hæv ju <b>klɪəd</b> ðə brekfəst teɪbl /	Have you cleared the breakfast table?
4. /ðeɪ <b>fɪnɪʃt</b> ðə dʒɒb ɒn fraɪdeɪ /	They finished the job on Friday.
5. /ə blæk <b>kæts</b> lʌki ɔ:r ʌnlʌki /	Are black cats lucky or unlucky?
6. /baɪ <b>teɪk</b> keə /	Bye - take care!
7. /aɪ dʒəst keɪt ɡəʊɪŋ əntɪl aɪ sɔ:r ə stri:t aɪ rekəɡnəɪzd /	I just kept going until I saw a street I recognized.
8. /aɪ ɪkspekt ðəl bi ə daɪer <b>ə</b> zʊ:zʊəl /	I expect there'll be delay as usual.
9. /aɪ tɔ:kt tə ðə kəmputə:mæn ɒn <b>t</b> ju:zdeɪ /	I talked to the computer man on Tuesday.
10. /aɪ <b>stɒpt</b> tə du: səm ʃɒpɪŋ ɒn ðə weɪ /	I stopped to do some shopping on the way.
11. /dɪb bræzɪl wɪn /	Did Brazil win?
12. /aɪ <b>θɔ:t</b> ju:d ɡɒn bæɪk /	I thought you'd gone back.
13. /ðeɪ hævnɪt <b>peɪd</b> zet /	They haven't paid yet.
14. /stæmb bɪsaɪd mi /	Stand beside me.
15. /ʃi <b>krɒst</b> ðə dezət ɒn ə kæməl /	She crossed the desert on a camel.
16. /wɪv ɡɒt tə <b>stɑ:p</b> baɪ sɪks /	We've got to start by six.
17. /dəʊnt <b>weɪsp</b> peɪpə /	Don't waste paper.
18. /ju:l si: ə <b>wai</b> k ɡeɪt ɒn jə left /	You'll see a white gate on your left.
19. /ðə <b>si:k</b> klʌvəz ni:d kli:nɪŋ /	The seat covers need cleaning.
20. /aɪ <b>t</b> ʃeɪndʒd maɪ maɪnd	I changed my mind.

2. Concentrate on the highlighted words and phrases. Do you consider that the highlighted words and phrases represent examples of assimilation? If so, what kind? Complete the following chart with the highlighted phrases.



Some phrases appear in more than one box. Some boxes have no examples. Be careful! There are two highlighted words/phrases that are **not** examples of assimilation.

	Allophonic	Phonemic	Coalescent
VOICE (Regressive)			
VOICE (Progressive)			
PLACE (Regressive)			
PLACE (Progressive)			

Now, check your answers with the KEY below. Then, practice saying the phrases in front of a mirror. Do you produce assimilation in all the cases?

	Allophonic	Phonemic	Coalescent
VOICE (Regressive)	-----	-----	8. /aɪ ɪkspektədəl bi ə dɪləɪ əʒu:zəəl /
VOICE (Progressive)	3. /həv ju klɪəd ðə brekfəst teɪbəl / (devoicing on /l/)	5. /ə blæk kæts lʌki: rʌnlʌki / (inflection for plural)  7. /aɪ dʒəst kept gəʊɪŋ əntɪl aɪ sɔ:r ə stri:t aɪ rekəg nɑ:zəd /  10. /aɪ stɒpt tə du: səm ʃɒpɪŋ ɒn ðə weɪ / (inflection for past tense)  15. /ʃi krɒst ðə dezət ɒn ə kæməəl /  20. /aɪ tʃeɪndʒd maɪ maɪnd /	9. /aɪ tɔ:kt tə ðə kæmpju:tə mən ɒn tʃu:zdeɪ /  13. /ðeɪ hævnɪt peɪdʒet /

PLACE (Regressive)	<p>3. /həv ju klɪəd ðə brekfəst teɪb/ (dentalization in /d/)</p> <p>4. /ðei frɪft ðə dʒɒb ɒn fraɪdeɪ /</p> <p>10. /aɪ stɒpt tə du: səm ʃɒpɪŋ ɒn ðə weɪ / (labialization in /t/)</p>	<p>1. / bi keəfəl ðæts wep peɪnt /</p> <p>2. /ki:p ɒn ðə fʊppə:θ /</p> <p>11. /dɪb bræzɪl wɪn /</p> <p>14. /stæmbɪsɑɪd mi /</p> <p>16. /wɪv gɒt tə stɑ:p bɑɪ sɪks /</p> <p>17. /dæʊntweɪspɛrə /</p> <p>18. /ju:lsɪ: ə waɪkgeɪtɒnjə left /</p> <p>19. /ðə si:k klɒvəz ni:d kli:nɪŋ /</p>	
PLACE (Progressive)	<p>10. /aɪ stɒpt tə du: səm ʃɒpɪŋ ɒn ðə weɪ / (labialization in /p/)</p> <p>12. /aɪ θɔ:t ju:d gɒn bæɪk / (labialization in /θ/)</p>	<p>12. /aɪ θɔ:t ju:d gɒn bæɪk / (labialization in /t/)</p>	

There are no assimilation examples in:

6. /baɪ teɪk keə /

## CLUSTERS

When we have two or more consonant sounds together we call them a consonant cluster. **Clusters**, then, are combinations of consonants. English words can have clusters at the beginning, in the middle and at the end of words. For example:

Initial position	pray /preɪ/    spray /spreɪ/
Within the Word	escape /ɪ'skeɪp/    control    /kən'trəʊl/    upstream /,ʌp'stri:m/
Final position	grabbed /græbd/    crisps /krɪspz/    texts /teksts/

Clusters can sometimes be difficult to pronounce so work on their pronunciation with the following tasks. The different tasks in the material take you step by step into production: **recognise, practise/repeat and produce**. Whenever you read in the material practise or repeat, it's your turn to do so. Go back to the Tutorial for Oral practice for further ideas.

**GO AHEAD!**

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## Vowels and Diphthongs – Allophonic variations

1) Watch the following scene from the movie



- What's the problem with the pair of gloves?
- Why can't the old man calm down?
- Does the old man believe Jonathan's and Sara's story?



2) All the words in the boxes are used in the scene. Look at them and answer **yes** or **no**.

1	2	3
/'fɜ:st/ /'wɜ:k/ /fi:t/ /teɪk/	/ði:z/ /peɪd/	/ment / /ni:d / /ti:m/ /daʊn /

- a) All the words are pronounced with a vowel or a diphthong.
- b) All the words in group 1 have a vowel sound + voiceless stop.
- c) All the words in group 2 have a vowel sound + voiced consonant.
- d) All the words in group 3 have a vowel sound preceded and/or followed by a nasal.

- Now, which columns exemplify allophonic variations of vowels and diphthongs? Can you add the name of the allophonic variations at the bottom of the columns? What are the diacritics used in each case?
- Can you explain the processes? Use the statements **a** to **d** and make the necessary changes to explain the processes.

3) Listen to the following fragment of the film. Circle the pronunciation of the pronoun you hear.

AUDIO

/ ði:z ə r aʊəz /      / ði:z ə r əz /

Can you explain the process that affects the possessive pronoun?

4) Here's a short fragment of the conversation. Transcribe it and check it against the KEY at the end of this document. Then, find at least 3 examples of nasalization and pre-fortis clipping.

**Jonathan:** Excuse me, sir.

**Old man:** Yeah?

**Jonathan:** These are ours.

**Old man:** Oh. Your gloves? How come? - They're just sort of hanging there, sleeping with their little price tag on.

**Jonathan:** We were just discussing them, all right?

**Old man:** Well, I have news for you. You can go on discussing them long after I've paid for them.

**Jonathan:** Calm down, all right?

**Old man:** Calm down? It's five days before Christmas. I'm in the middle of a New York department store. He's asking me to calm down.

**Jonathan:** Well, these were meant to be a very special gift for someone.

**Sara:** Yeah, we put quite a lot of thought into those.

- 5) **More practice** on allophonic variations. Find an example of the following processes in the fragment your transcribed. Find the key at the end of this document.

Aspiration: .....

Dentalization: .....

Gemination: .....

Release masking: .....

Lateral release: .....

Omission of the onset: .....

Labialization: .....

Non audible release: .....

Devoicing: .....

Velarization: .....

Retraction / Fronting: .....

Phonemic regressive assimilation of place: .....

Phonemic progressive assimilation of voice: .....

Allophonic regressive assimilation of place: .....

Allophonic regressive assimilation of voice: .....

- 6) Practice reading the fragment. Remember your practice on clusters. Pay special attention to /sl-/, /st-/ and /sp/. There shouldn't be a schwa before /s/.

## Key to exercises 2 to 5

### Ex.2

1	2	3
/'fɜ:st/ /'wɜ:k/ /fi:t/ /teɪk/	/ðɪ:z/ /peɪd/	/ment / /ni:d / /ti:m/ /daʊn /
<b>PRE FORTIS CLIPPING</b> /'fɜ:st/ /teɪk/	--	<b>NASALIZATION</b> /tɪ:m/

- a) All the words are pronounced with a vowel or a diphthong. **YES**
- b) All the words in group 1 have a long vowel or diphthong + voiceless stop. **NO, first has vowel+voiceless fricative**
- c) All the words in group 2 have a vowel sound + voiced consonant. **YES**
- d) All the words in group 3 have a vowel sound preceded and/or followed by a nasal. **YES**

### Ex. 3

**/ ði:z ə 'ɑ:z / (in the audio)**

/ ði:z ə 'aʊəz / - full form –a triphthong



/ ði:z ə 'æz / - **levelling or smoothing** (the second element of the triphthong is elided)



/ ði:z ə 'ɑ:z / - **monophthongatization** (only the first vowel remains)

Ex. 4 & 5

Below you will find a narrow transcription of the fragment.

NASALISATION

PRE-FORTIS CLIPPING

/ɪkskjuz mi sɜ: /

/jeə /

/ðɪ:z ə rɑ:z /

/əʊ /jə g<sup>h</sup>lɪvz /'hɑʊ k<sup>h</sup>ʌm /'ðeɪ ə dzæst sɔ:t əv 'hæŋŋ ðeə /'slɪ:pŋ wɪð ðeə 'lɪt<sup>l</sup>

'p<sup>h</sup>rɑɪs t<sup>h</sup>æg ɒn /

/wɪ wə dzæst dɪ'sk<sup>h</sup>ʌsɪŋ ðəm /ɔ: t 'rɑɪt /

/wɛt /'aɪ hæv ŋju:z fə jə /jə k(ə)n 'gəʊ 'ɒn dɪ'skʌsɪŋ ðəm lɒŋ 'ɑ:ftə aɪv p<sup>h</sup>eɪd fə ðəm /

/k<sup>h</sup>ɑ:m daʊn /ɔ:l 'raɪt /

/kɑ:m daʊn /'ɪts faɪv 'deɪz bɪ'fɔ: 'k<sup>h</sup>rɪsməs /aɪm ɪŋ ðə 'mɪd<sup>l</sup> əv ə 'nju: 'jɔ:k >

dɪ'p<sup>h</sup>ɑ:tmənt st<sup>w</sup>ɔ: / hɪz 'ɑ:skɪŋ mɪ tə kɑ:m daʊn /

/wɛl /ðɪ:z wə mɛnt<sup>h</sup> tə bɪ ə 'veri 'speʃl gɪft fə 'sɪmwɪlŋ /

/jeə /wɪ 'p<sup>h</sup>wɔ:t > k<sup>h</sup>wɑɪt ə lɒt əv 'θɔ:t 'ɪntə ðəʊz /

These are only possible answers; there may be other examples-

Aspiration: .....[k<sup>h</sup>ʌm].....

Dentalization: ..... [ɪŋ ðə ].....

Gemination: .....[ mɛnt<sup>h</sup> tə ]... [dzæst<sup>h</sup> dɪ'skʌsɪŋ]

Release masking: ..... ['jɔ:k > dɪ'pɑ:tmənt] .....

Lateral release: ..... [lɪt<sup>l</sup>].....

Omission of the onset: ..... [mɛnt<sup>h</sup>].....

Labialization: ..... ['p<sup>w</sup>ʊt] .....

Non audible release: ..... ['raɪt̚] .....

Devoicing: ..... [d̥i:z] .....

Velarization: ..... [ɔ: ɫ]

Retraction / Fronting: ..... [kɑ:m] ..... [gɪft] .....

Phonemic regressive assimilation of place: ...[kŋ gəʊ] .....[dɪpɑ:pmənt] .....

Phonemic progressive assimilation of voice: .....[ɪts] .....

Allophonic regressive assimilation of place: .....[ɪŋ ðə] ... ['p<sup>w</sup>ʊt]

Allophonic regressive assimilation of voice: ...[ŋjʊ:z̥ fə] .....