

## Word lists – Connected Speech

### Vowel to vowel linking /j/

#### Three eggs

When one word ends with a vowel sound and the next word begins with a vowel, a /j/ sound is added to link the words.

| Words<br>/j/                                    |
|---|
| 1. In the <u>early</u> 20 <sup>th</sup> century |
| 2. The <u>body</u> of the man                   |
| 3. The <u>day</u> after tomorrow                |
| 4. I want to <u>be</u> a chef                   |
| 5. <u>Day</u> and night                         |
| 6. <u>Three</u> and a half                      |
| 7. <u>Tea</u> or coffee                         |
| 8. <u>Try</u> again                             |
| 9. She <u>arrives</u> at six                    |

### Vowel to vowel linking /w/

#### two eggs

When one word ends with a vowel sound and the next word begins with a vowel, a /w/ is added to link the words.

| Words<br>/w/                              |
|---|
| 1. <u>Two</u> or three                    |
| 2. <u>Blue</u> eyes                       |
| 3. Shall we <u>go</u> over the exam?      |
| 4. You need to <u>go</u> under the bridge |
| 5. <u>Hello</u> everyone                  |
| 6. That picture is <u>so</u> ugly!        |

### Vowel to vowel linking /r/

#### For ages

Some native English speakers who don't pronounce the final 'r' will add it when the next word begins with a vowel.

| Words<br>/r/  |
|---|
| 1. Where <u>are</u> you?                            |
| 2. The people <u>are</u> in the house               |
| 3. We <u>saw</u> a film                             |
| 4. <u>Law</u> and order                             |
| 5. They <u>are</u> able to drive at 16 years of age |
| 6. <u>Four</u> and a half                           |
| 7. <u>Answer</u> a question                         |
| 8. <u>Score</u> a goal                              |

## Tongue twisters

| <b>Tongue twisters</b>                          |
|---|
| 1. She saw a shy sheep.                         |
| 2. Laurel loved to lick red lollipops.          |
| 3. A big black bug bit the big black bear.      |
| 4. Four furious friends fought for the phone.   |
| 5. Rotten lettuce really reeks!                 |
| 6. Twist twice to tie tightly.                  |
| 7. Pat gave back the backpack.                  |
| 8. Sally saw Sue on a see-saw at the sea shore. |