

UNIT TWO: SENTENCE STRESS

Lesson 9: Linking/ Liaison

1. In connected speech, we sometimes link words together. The most familiar case is the use of **linking /r/**. The final phoneme /r/ is not pronounced in final position in RP, except when it is followed by a word starting with a vowel.

Practice 1: Transcribe the following:

Phrases/ Sentences	Transcription
our eggs	
for ever	
teacher of English	
care about	
here and there	
it's quite far away	
it's near here	
the doctor agrees	
there are three places	
there's a tour along the river	
it's made of fur and leather	
law and order	
the actor and playwright	
I can't hear anything	
He opened the door and walked in	

2. Many RP speakers use r to link words ending with vowels. This is called **intrusive /r/**

Practice 2: Transcribe the following showing using intrusive /r/

Phrases	Transcription
media event	
Australia or New Zealand	
idea of it	