

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.

Activity 1: Transcribe the following:

Phrases / Sentences	Transcription
Teacher of English Care about Here and there It's quite far away. It's near here. the doctor agreed about it. There are three places to visit. There's a tour along the river. It's made of fur and leather. The actor and playwright I can't hear anything He opened the door and came in.	/'ti:tʃər əv 'ɪŋɡlɪʃ /

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

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

Phrases	Transcription
Law and order media event Australia or New Zealand idea of it	/'lɔ: r ən 'ɔ: də/