

Joining words together: vowel to vowel

In normal fast speech, we join words together with no gaps between them. When the end of a word is a vowel sound and the beginning of the next word is also vowel sound, we add an extra small sound to help link the two words.

Words ending in /i:/ or /ɪ/, including /eɪ/ /ɔɪ/ /aɪ/

Use 'y' /j/ to link to the next vowel:

may ^yI
every ^yevening
he ^yearns
grey ^yand blue
the ^yend

Words ending in /u:/, including /əʊ/ /aʊ/

Use /w/ to link to the next vowel:

who ^ware
you ^wache
go ^waway
you ^wor me
how ^woften

1. It's quarter to ^weight.
2. It's up to ^wall of you to ^waward praise.
3. Are you ^win tomorrow ^wevening?
4. I ^yeat early ^yevery ^yevening.
5. Do you ^wever want to say ^yanything?
6. The ^yE ^yU
7. The U ^wS A
8. C ^yI ^yA