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| Pronunciation Practice: Sound Changes |
| The specific sounds of a language change when we say them, depending on the other sounds that are before and after them. The following are some ways that sounds change when we put them into words and sentences.  **Assimilation:** One sound moves into the sound that comes after it. It gets shortened and runs into the next sound. Say this sentence and notice what happens to the second “t” in “that”.  *Can you see that bicycle?*  You should hear the “t” get combined with the “b” in “bicycle”  **Intrusion:** Sometimes we add an extra consonant sound at the end of one word to link it more smoothly to the next word, if the second word starts with a vowel.  Say this sentence and notice the /j/ sound that goes between “I” and “am”.  *I am a teacher.*  **Elision:** Sometimes when we say words in natural speech, we leave out a sound or sounds altogether. Say the words “factory” and “suppose”. You should notice that the “o” in factory and the “u” in suppose get dropped. |

*A. Work with a partner and say the sentences below out loud. Decide what kind of sound changes are happening with the underlined words.*

*1. I ordered a bottle of wine for us. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*2. My brother works in a laboratory. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*3. I love this shop! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*4. We are going to the beach. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*5. What a cute boy! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*6. The soup of the day is vegetable soup. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*7. It’s a cheese shop. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*8. We stayed in the university dormitory.*

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*9. I answered the phone and took a message. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*