

ELISION???



- The *disappearance* of a sound

➡ A phoneme may (be realized as zero/
have zero realization/ be deleted.)

ELISION:

- Typical of *rapid, casual*

speech

- ➔ Make tongue movement easier
- ➔ Weaken our articulation

Examples

Loss of weak vowel (schwa):

□ After /p/, /t/, /k/

No elision

Elision

potato

/ pə'teitəʊ /

→ / p'teitəʊ /

tomato

/ tə'ma:təʊ /

→ / t'ma:təʊ /

canary

/ kə'neəri /

→ / k'neəri /

Loss of weak vowel (schwa):

□ Before /n/, /l/, /r/

No elision

Elision

tonight

/tə'naɪt/

→ /t'naɪt/

police

/pə'li:s/

→ /p'li:s/

correct

/kə'rekt/

→ /k'rekt/

Avoidance of complex consonants clusters

- Syllable-final clusters involving /t/, /d/

Word/combination	No elision	Elision
asked	/ɑ:s ^k t/	/ɑ:st/
desktop	/'dɛs ^k ,tɒp/	/'dɛs,tɒp/
kept quiet	/,kɛp ^t 'kwaɪət/	/,kɛp'kwaɪət/
at least twice	/ət li:s ^t 'twɑɪs/	/ət li:s'twaɪs/
next to	/'nɛks ^t ,tʊ/	/'nɛks,tʊ/
for the first time	/fə ðə ,fɜ:s ^t 'taɪm/	/fə ðə ,fɜ:s'taɪm/

The loss of final /v/ in “of” before consonants

- Lots of them ➔ /lɒts ə ðəm/
- Waste of money ➔ /weɪst ə 'mʌni /

The loss of /h/

- Tell (h)im → /tel ɪm/
- You shouldn't (h)ave

Contractions of grammatical words

	Contractions	Pronounced
had/would	'd	/d/ or /əd/
is/has	's	/s/ or /z/ or /ɪz/
will	'll	//
have	've	/v/ or /əv/
are	're	/ə/



- Be aware when native speakers talk to each other.
- ➡ Understand casual conversations
- ➡ Be confident about your pronunciation