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Target Level: B2-C2

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English is stress-timed. Words link together to form unified sound streams.

1. CONSONANT-TO-VOWEL LINKING (C + V):

- Pick it up -> sounds like "Pi-ki-tup"
- Think about -> sounds like "Thin-ka-bout"
- Hold on -> sounds like "Hol-don"

2. ELISION (SOUND DROPPING):

- Next door -> sounds like "Nex-door" (drop the t)
- You and me -> sounds like "You-an-me" (drop the d)

3. GLOTTAL STOPS:

- Button -> sounds like "Bu-[stop]-on" (swallow the t sound)