

ELISION

1. Historical - 'Gradation'

- Gloucester, Worcester, halfpenny, Leicester
/glɒstə/ /wɒstə/ /heɪpni/ /lestə/
- wh- : where /weə/ when /wen/ which /wɪtʃ/ why /waɪ/
wh- : who /hu:/ whom /hu:m/ whole /həʊl/
wr- : wrong /rɒŋ/ write /raɪt/ wrist /rɪst/
kn- : know /nəʊ/ knife /naɪf/ knee /ni:/
ps- : pseudonym /sju:dənim/ psalm /sɑ:m/ psychic /saɪkɪk/
pn- : pneumonia /nju'məʊniə/ pneumatic /nju'mæɪk/

- skl- : castle /kɑ:sl/ whistle /wɪsl/ rustle /rʌsl/
- stn- : fasten /fɑ:sn/ chestnut /tʃesnʌt/

- mb- : climb /klaɪm/ lamb /læm/ bomb /bɒm/
- mn- : hymn /hɪm/ column /kɒləm/ phlegm /flem/
- dt- : doubt /daʊt/ debt /det/
- pt- : receipt /rɪ'si:t/

2. Colloquial

VOWELS : /ə/

- initial syllables : potato, tomato, canal, perhaps
/p-, t-, k- / [p'etətəʊ] [t'mɑ:təʊ] [k'næt] [p'hæps]
before police, believe, tonight, phonetics, correct
/-l-, -n-, -r-/ [p'li:s] [b'li:v] [t'naɪt] [f'netɪks] [k'rekt]
- medial syllables: factory, camera, history
/-r- / [fæktɪrɪ] [k'æmərə] [hɪstrɪ]
other national, novelist, Parliament
[næʃnəl] [nɒvəlɪst] [p'ɑ:tmənt]

CONSONANTS :

/t, d/ in clusters

acts, scripts, mostly, textbook, Westminster

[æks] [skripts] [məʊslɪ] [t'eksbuk] [wesmɪnstə]

friends, sandwich, landlord, handbag, grandmother

[frenz] [sænwɪdʒ] [lændlɔ:d] [hænbæg] [grænməðə]

other consonants in clusters

months, fifths, clothes

[mʌns] [fɪfθs] [k'lɔ:z]

/t/ at word boundaries

last night, just now

[la:s 'naɪt] ['dʒʌs 'naʊ]

NO ELISION

what time, fresh shirt, half full, with this

[wɒt t'aɪm] [frɛʃ ʃɜ:t] [ha:f fʊl] [wɪð ðɪs]