

ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 5: VIRTUAL DOCTOR

Practise and consolidate your learning about linking words in spoken English by completing activity 1 and 2. In activity 3 you have to decide the correct form of the word 'there'.

ACTIVITY 1

1. **really** **odd**
2. **goodbye,** **Olive**
3. **blue** **and green**
4. **today** **and tomorrow**
5. **go** **out tonight**
6. **how** **about a coffee**
7. **I** **asked her**
8. **you** **or him**
9. **the** **afternoon**
10. **too** **early**

ACTIVITY 2

Spell out the following names and abbreviations, pronouncing /j/ or /w/ between vowels.

1. USA
2. Rory
3. Kim
4. ASAP
5. CPI
6. Diane
7. UHF
8. Thomas
9. Simon
10. PA

ACTIVITY 3

Choose which form of 'there' is used in the following sentences.

Question 1: There were a lot of people at the concert.

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
- b. adverb of place
- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

Question 2: We didn't stay there very long.

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
- b. adverb of place
- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

Question 3: Is there a newsagent near here?

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
- b. adverb of place
- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

Question 4: There goes our train.

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
- b. adverb of place
- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

Question 5: There are only three tickets left for the tennis match.

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
- b. adverb of place
- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

Question 6: Don't forget there's an ATM at the petrol station if you need money.

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
- b. adverb of place
- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

Question 7: Can't you see the video cassette is there on the table.

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
- b. adverb of place
- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

Question 8: There are two ways of solving the problem.

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
- b. adverb of place
- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

Question 9: I think there was a knock at the door.

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
- b. adverb of place
- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

Question 10: Don't worry, they'll be waiting for you there.

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form
- b. adverb of place
- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form



ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1

Say each of the phrases aloud. Identify which type of linking is used. Practise saying each word separately, and then saying the phrases as a continuous stream of speech.

1. really odd
/r li j d/ vowel + /j/ + vowel linking
2. goodbye, Olive
/g d'ba j l v/ vowel + /j/ + vowel linking
3. blue and green
/blu w ænd grin/ vowel + /w/ + vowel linking
4. today and tomorrow
/t 'de j ænd t 'm ro / vowel + /j/ + vowel linking
5. go out tonight
/go w a t t 'na t/ vowel + /w/ + vowel linking
6. how about a coffee
/ha w 'ba t 'k fi / vowel + /w/ + vowel linking
7. I asked her
/a j askt h / vowel + /j/ + vowel linking
8. you or him
/ju w h m/ vowel + /w/ + vowel linking
9. the afternoon
/ði j aft 'nʌn/ vowel + /j/ + vowel linking
10. too early
/tu 'w li / vowel + /w/ + vowel linking

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

1. USA /ju w s 'e / United States of America
2. Rory /a o wa wa /
3. Kim /ke ja j m/
4. ASAP /E J s E 'Pi/ As Soon As Possible

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2 CONTINUED

5. CPI /si pi 'ja / Consumer Price Index
6. Diane /di ja je j n i/
7. UHF /ju we ' f/ Ultra-High Frequency
8. Thomas /ti je o w m e j s/
9. Simon / s a j m o w m/
10. PA /pi 'je / Personal Assistant

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 3

Question 1: There were a lot of people at the concert.

- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

Question 2: We didn't stay there very long.

- b. adverb of place

Question 3: Is there a newsagent near here?

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form

Question 4: There goes our train.

- b. adverb of place

Question 5: There are only three tickets left for the tennis match.

- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

Question 6: Don't forget there's an ATM at the petrol station if you need money.

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form

Question 7: Can't you see the video cassette is there on the table.

- b. adverb of place

Question 8: There are two ways of solving the problem.

- c. real subject agrees with plural verb form

Question 9: I think there was a knock at the door.

- a. real subject agrees with singular verb form

Question 10: Don't worry, they'll be waiting for you there.

- b. adverb of place