

# JULIE'S CONVERSATION CLUB

UPCOMING LESSONS: SEPTEMBER 2021

<p><b>THURS</b> <b>SEPT 2</b> <b>4:00 P.M. PST</b></p>	<p><b>American English Reductions: The Rule of 3</b> Why do native speakers say "KRIHS-mis" for "Christmas", and "KAHS-koh" for "Costco"? What happened to the T? The T sound disappeared...because of the Rule of 3! Learn why in today's lesson!</p>
<p><b>TUES</b> <b>SEPT 7</b> <b>10:00 A.M. PST</b></p>	<p><b>The AH /a/ and UH /ʌ/ Vowels</b> These vowels sound very similar, and they share very similar tongue and lip positions. But to a native speaker, they sound very different! Let's work on the pronunciation of these vowels in today's lesson!</p>
<p><b>WEDS</b> <b>SEPT 15</b> <b>5:00 P.M. PST</b></p>	<p><b>Consonant Voicing</b> Many of my clients need to practice voiced consonants, including the Z /z/, D /d/, ZH /ʒ/, and J /dʒ/ consonants. You'll learn about voicing and practice the voicing of these consonants in today's lesson!</p>
<p><b>SAT</b> <b>SEPT 25</b> <b>9:00 A.M. PST</b></p>	<p><b>The Glottal Stop T /ʔ/</b> In American English, the T sound can become what is called a glottal stop. This T sound is made with the vocal cords - NOT with the tongue. Let's practice the Glottal Stop T /ʔ/ in today's lesson!</p>
<p><b>THURS</b> <b>SEPT 30</b> <b>6:00 P.M. PST</b></p>	<p><b>The ER /ɜ̄, ə/ Vowel</b> The R sound in American English can be both a vowel and a consonant. Let's practice the vowel consonant in today's lesson, and we'll focus on the ER /ɜ̄, ə/ vowels, like in the words "bird" and "mother"!</p>

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UPCOMING LESSONS: OCTOBER 2021

<b>TUES</b> <b>OCT 5</b> <b>10:00 A.M. PST</b>	<b>Linking: Consonant to Vowel</b> Improve the smoothness of your spoken English with linking! In today's lesson, you'll learn how to link words that end in a consonant with words that begin with a vowel.
<b>MON</b> <b>OCT 11</b> <b>5:00 P.M. PST</b>	<b>Vowel Length: Does it matter in English?</b> Short answer: Yes! In today's lesson, you'll learn how vowel length can improve the clarity of your speech...and help you with final consonant voicing!
<b>WEDS</b> <b>OCT 20</b> <b>2:00 P.M. PST</b>	<b>AY /eɪ/ and EH /ɛ/ Vowels</b> These vowels are commonly confused for each other, but they differ in one very important way: muscle tension! Learn how to pronounce these challenging vowels in today's lesson.
<b>SAT</b> <b>OCT 30</b> <b>9:00 A.M. PST</b>	<b>Linking: Vowel to Vowel</b> Let's continue with the discussion about linking! In today's lesson, you'll learn how to link words that end in a vowel with words that begin with a vowel.

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UPCOMING LESSONS: NOVEMBER 2021

**No Club meeting during the first week of  
November (Nov. 1st - 6th)**

<p><b>WEDS</b> <b>NOV 10</b> <b>5:00 P.M. PST</b></p>	<p><b>Syllable Stress: Nouns vs. Verbs</b> How do you pronounce "object"? The word "object" can be pronounced two ways: "OB - ject" and "ob - JECT". One is a noun, and the other is a verb. Learn more noun/verb pairs in today's lesson!</p>
<p><b>TUES</b> <b>NOV 16</b> <b>6:00 P.M. PST</b></p>	<p><b>Intonation: Statements and Questions</b> The sentence, "You are hungry" can be both a statement and a question. It all depends on your intonation! Learn how to use different intonation patterns of statements and questions in today's lesson.</p>
<p><b>TUES</b> <b>NOV 23</b> <b>7:00 P.M. PST</b></p>	<p><b>Linking: Consonant to Consonant</b> Let's continue the discussion about linking. In today's lesson, you'll learn the most challenging form of linking: When one word ends in a consonant and the next word begins with a consonant.</p>
<p><b>THURS</b> <b>DEC 2</b> <b>10:00 A.M. PST</b></p>	<p><b>The AA /æ/ and AH /a/ Vowels</b> These vowels are often substituted for each other because they are made in almost the same place in the mouth. Learn how to accurately pronounce both of these vowels in today's lesson!</p>