

JULIE'S CONVERSATION CLUB

UPCOMING LESSONS: OCTOBER 2021

TUES OCT 5 10:00 A.M. PST	Linking: Consonant to Vowel 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.
MON OCT 11 5:00 P.M. PST	Vowel Length: Does it matter in English? 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!
WEDS OCT 20 2:00 P.M. PST	AY /eɪ/ and EH /ɛ/ Vowels 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.
SAT OCT 30 9:00 A.M. PST	Linking: Vowel to Vowel 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)**

WEDS NOV 10 5:00 P.M. PST	Syllable Stress: Nouns vs. Verbs 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!
TUES NOV 16 6:00 P.M. PST	Intonation: Statements and Questions 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.
TUES NOV 23 7:00 P.M. PST	Linking: Consonant to Consonant 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.

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UPCOMING LESSONS: DECEMBER 2021

THURS DEC 2 10:00 A.M. PST	The AA /æ/ and AH /a/ Vowels 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!
TUES DEC 7 6:00 P.M. PST	The OO /u/ and UH /ʊ/ Vowels This is another tense/lax vowel pair in American English: OO /u/ is tense, and UH /ʊ/ is lax. But that's not the only difference between these vowels. Perfect your pronunciation in today's lesson!
WEDS DEC 15 5:00 P.M. PST	Common Word Reductions: H /h/ Reductions We've discussed pronoun reductions, but in today's lesson we'll go more in-depth as you practice 10 of the most commonly reduced pronoun phrases!
TUES DEC 21 4:00 P.M. PST	Intonation: Shifting Emphasis Effective speakers know how to vary their intonation and stress patterns to convey their intended message. In today's lesson, you'll learn how to shift the stress within a sentence to convey different meanings.
TUES DEC 28 5:00 P.M. PST	Syllable Stress Patterns: 3-syllable Words There are no concrete rules to syllable stress in American English, which can be frustrating for non-native speakers! But in today's lesson, you'll practice the three main syllable stress patterns of the most common 3-syllable words in American English!

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UPCOMING LESSONS: JANUARY 2022

WEDS JAN 5 5:00 P.M. PST	Linking with TH /θ, ð/ The TH consonants are tricky to pronounce on their own, and they're even trickier to pronounce when linking words together! You'll get lots of practice linking with the TH consonants in today's lesson!
TUES JAN 11 4:00 P.M. PST	Common Word Reductions: "have" Reductions The verb "to have" and all of its variations is commonly reduced in spoken English, and sometimes the pronunciation is <i>way</i> different than what you'd expect! Learn about these reductions in today's lesson!
THURS JAN 20 6:00 P.M. PST	Common Idioms in American English It's always a good idea to brush up on your idioms! Incorporating idioms into your speech is a great way to sound more natural to a native speaker. You'll practice 10 idiomatic expressions in today's lesson!
WEDS JAN 26 5:00 P.M. PST	AA /æ/ and EH /ɛ/ Vowels These vowels are next to each other on the IPA vowel quadrilateral, which means they sound <i>very</i> similar! In today's lesson, you'll practice both of these vowels in minimal pairs and sentences!

The schedule for February and March 2022 will be posted soon!