



**AMERICAN
ACCENT
COACHING**

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THE RIBBON OF THOUGHT



SECTION 5 CLASS 5

**PRACTICE STRINGING ALL OF THE WORDS
TOGETHER TO MAKE THAT AMERICAN FLOW**

Linking the Words Together

The words in a sentence can string together, like a ribbon being pulled out of your mouth. This is especially prevalent in words that begin with vowels.

hop on = ha-pawn (həpən)

Hop-on the bus with me!


breathe in = bree-thin (briðɪn)

Breathe in the nice clean air.


afraid of = uh-fray-duv (əfreɪdʌv)

I'm afraid-of that.


tell it = tel-lit (tɛllɪt)

like it is = lie-kidiz (laɪkɪdɪz)

Tell it like it is.


I foun-dow-dabou-dit

(faʊn-daʊ-dəbaʊ-dɪt)

I found out about it.


Bob always eats apples in the evening.





Try putting this all together in steps.

- 1 First, link all the words together in a monotone voice.

we-will-talk-to-you-soon.

- 2 Then add the pitch.

We'll-TALK-to-you-sOO on.

- 3 Last, the word stress will make the stress word equal length as the unstressed words.

[we'll-talk-to-you][soon].
(Same length!)

HOMEWORK

These three steps are vital to get comfortable. Try them out, one by one, in common phrases, news articles, books, scripts, and anything else you can think of! When you are extremely comfortable with it, put the three steps together. This is your American flow!