



**AMERICAN
ACCENT
COACHING**

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WHEN "T" TURNS TO "D"



SECTION 2 CLASS 5

**LEARN THE RULES AND PRACTICE APPLYING THE
"T" TURNING INTO A SOFT "D"**

The Rule:

If a "T," "TT," or "RT" are surrounded by vowel sounds in a word, the "T" changes to a soft "D" sound.

How it's made

T = D Writer sounds like rider.

TT = D Better sounds like bedder.

RT = RD Party sounds like pardy.

T's are surrounded by vowel "sounds" — Brighter sounds like brider (the GH is silent so it still counts as a T surrounded by vowel sounds!)

In these words, the T sounds like a D:

beautiful, British, daughter, fighting, vitamin, later, meeting, native, waiting, whatever, ratings, meter

pretty, little, butter, bitter, matter, settle, tattle

artist, party, starting, courtesy, sporting, thirty, hearty, artificial, smarter, barter

Exceptions to the rule (T sounds like T): rotate, hotel, return, protein, imitate, attitude, fatigue, detail, prioritize, invitation, lunatic, attack, potato

T's turning to D's can span over two words (change the T to a D)

caught-a cold, bought-another car, get-a job, lot-of information, meet-at seven, out-of trouble, put-it-in, what-a guy, write-about this, wait-a minute, right-on time



Practice Sentences

Betty the artist started babysitting when she was thirty.

Beddy the ardist starded babysidding when she was thiridy.

We were notified that the meeting was starting.

We were nodified that the meeding was starding.

Write a better cover letter.

Ride-a bedder cover ledder.

I forgot about adding the water to a bottle.

I forgod-aboud-adding the wadder to a bodul.

Put all the data in the computer.

Pud-all the dada in the compuder.

Let's meet at about eight o'clock.

Let's meed-ad-aboud-eighd-o'clock.

My daughter bought a better water bottle.

My dadder boughd-a bedder wadder boddul.

We're talking about quality at the meeting later.

We're talking about qualidy at the meeding layder.

Betty bought a bit of better butter.

Beddy baud-a bid-of bedder budder.

HOMework

These T's are everywhere! Read articles, scripts, and more out loud to see if you can identify more T's that turn into D's.