

2A Pronunciation


Consonant–vowel linking

Student A

A Read text A and mark where there is consonant–vowel linking.

Text A

A factory is doing badly and they get a new managing director to improve efficiency. The new director comes in and the first thing she does is to take a walk around the factory and see what everyone's doing. Everything seems all right but there's a man just leaning against a wall and playing with a mobile phone. 'What are you doing?' the director asks. 'Nothing,' the man answers, 'I'm just waiting around to get paid.' The director is furious and says, 'Well, here's 500 euros, get out of my factory and don't come back!' The man leaves immediately and the director turns around to one of the workers and says, 'What does that tell you?' The worker replies...

B  Work in AB pairs. Read text A to your partner, using consonant–vowel linking. What do you think the worker says?

C Now listen to your partner and complete text B. What do you think the old lady says?

Text B

A genius walks into a cafe and says, '_____. Just ask me a question ______. If you can't answer my question, give me five euros. _____, I'll give you five thousand euros.' _____, '_____.' The genius says, 'What's the capital of the USA?' _____ 'No idea at all, here's your five euros' _____ 'Here's my question: what animal has five arms in the day and four arms at night?' _____, 'That's a difficult one! I don't know...'. _____, the genius asks, 'Well, what's the answer?' The old lady replies ...



Student B

A Read text B and mark where there is consonant–vowel linking.

Text B

A genius walks into a cafe and says, 'I'm going to prove that I'm the cleverest person here. Just ask me a question and I'll ask you one. If you can't answer my question, give me five euros. If I can't answer your question, I'll give you five thousand euros.' An old lady in a corner says, 'I'll try. Ask a question.' The genius says, 'What's the capital of the USA?' The old lady thinks a bit and answers, 'No idea at all, here's your five euros' and gives him the five euros. 'Here's my question: what animal has five arms in the day and four arms at night?' The genius thinks long and hard, then says, 'That's a difficult one! I don't know ...' and as he gives the old lady five thousand euros, the genius asks, 'Well, what's the answer?' The old lady replies ...

B Work in AB pairs. Listen to your partner and complete text A. What do you think the worker says?

C  Read text B to your partner, using consonant–vowel linking. What do you think the old lady says?

Text A

_____ and they get a new managing director _____. The new director comes in _____ is to take a walk around the factory _____. Everything seems all right _____ and playing with a mobile phone. _____. 'Nothing,' the man answers, _____ and says, 'Well, here's five hundred euros, _____ and don't come back!' _____ and the director turns around to one of the workers _____. The worker replies ...