

Connected speech in IELTS Listening

Correct the spelling mistakes on the next page.

Try to find what the spelling mistakes have in common and use that to check that you have corrected the right parts. There are several different but connected groups of mistakes.

Check your answers with the suggested answers, then use those answers to check if you guessed the right thing in common between the mistakes.

Why are the wrong parts spelled that way?

Find examples of each of these things and work out why they happen/ what those examples have in common:

- extra sounds added
- sounds changed
- the last sound of the first word moved
- sounds lost

If you haven't yet, make sure you have found at least one of these more specific changes:

- /w/ added
- /j/ (for "yoyo") added
- /r/ added
- final /n/
- syllables lost

In groups, practise saying the words they are written with the spelling mistakes, correcting each other if the pronunciation is too close to the version with correct spelling.

Test each other on the words:

- Choose one of the lines, say it either the way it is spelt or the way it is pronounced, and see if your partner can hear which way you are saying it
- Say one of the lines as it is pronounced naturally and see if your partner can say it back slowly and carefully
- Choose one of the lines, say it the way it is correctly spelt (without connecting the words) and see if your partner can pronounce it back with the usual fast pronunciation (connecting the words)
- Say one of the words with the normal fast pronunciation (connecting the words) and see if your partner can spell it



Spelling mistakes in IELTS Listening gapfill tasks to correct

- 33 Bangk Road
- academic refrences
- ancien tart
- arranged alphabeticly
- blue wocean
- core soutline
- day yoff
- evry three days
- fire rengine
- fix tincome
- fren chembassy
- genral store
- gif shop
- granmother
- hal fa nour
- in fie vours
- intrest rates
- laing graph
- late evning
- libral economists
- libry card
- lie finsurance
- media raccess
- modern histry
- nursry school
- onlime payment
- opra house
- overdue wupdate
- pal moil
- raim boots
- reasnable prices
- sales confrence
- satisfactry result
- secondry school
- soun defects
- soy lerosion
- stay jactor
- stray tafter
- thousanth customer
- tidy yup
- two fiths
- violing case
- wes tafrica
- while danimals
- yea ron year

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Normal/ fast pronunciation	Spelling/ Slow and careful pronunciation
33 Bangk Road	33 Bank Road
academic refrences	academic references
ancien tart	ancient art
arranged alphabeticly	arranged alphabetically
blue wocean	blue ocean
core soutline	course outline
day yoff	day off
evry three days	every three days
fire rengine	fire engine
fix tincome	fixed income
fren chembassy	French embassy
genral store	general store
gif shop	gift shop
granmother	grandmother
hal fa nour	half an hour
in fie vours	in five hours
intrest rates	interest rates
laing graph	line graph
late evning	late evening
libral economists	liberal economists
libry card	library card
lie finsurance	life insurance
media raccess	media access
modern histry	modern history
nursry school	nursery school
onlime payment	online payment
opra house	opera house
overdue wupdate	overdue update
pal moil	palm oil
raim boots	rain boots
reasnable prices	reasonable prices
sales confrence	sales conference
satisfactry result	satisfactory result
secondry school	secondary school
soun defects	sound effects
soy lerosion	soil erosion
stay jactor	stage actor
stray tafter	straight after
thousanth customer	thousandth customer
tidy yup	tidy up
two fiths	two fifths
violing case	violin case
wes tafrica	West Africa
while danimals	wild animals
yea ron year	yea ron year