

## Transcribing English sounds 2

### Weak forms

1. Many functional words are usually pronounced with a weak form in English. For a fuller list with the answers, go to: [http://www.eltconcourse.com/documents/ELT\\_Concourse\\_Weak\\_forms.pdf](http://www.eltconcourse.com/documents/ELT_Concourse_Weak_forms.pdf)

Transcribe the following words using the weak form when you can.

Word	Transcription	Word	Transcription
<i>a</i>		<i>at</i>	
<i>an</i>		<i>for</i>	
<i>from</i>		<i>of</i>	
<i>some</i>		<i>to</i>	
<i>the</i>		<i>and</i>	
<i>are</i>		<i>but</i>	
<i>been</i>		<i>as</i>	
<i>was</i>		<i>than</i>	
<i>can</i>		<i>them</i>	
<i>had</i>		<i>you</i>	
<i>have</i>		<i>where</i>	
<i>must</i>		<i>would</i>	

### Intrusive sounds

2. Transcribe the following phrases and state which sound intrudes.

Phrase	Transcription	Intrusive sound
<i>Go away!</i>		
<i>Fly off</i>		
<i>To earn</i>		
<i>Victoria and Albert</i>		
<i>Saw a man</i>		
<i>So interesting!</i>		
<i>Encyclopaedia entry</i>		
<i>I agree</i>		
<i>High Alps</i>		

### Other connected-speech phenomena

Transcribe these phrases, focusing on what you hear.

	Phrase	Transcription	Changes
1.	<i>Not much sense</i>		/s/ becomes ____
2.	<i>Probably</i>		____ disappears
3.	<i>But give</i>		/t/ and /g/ become ____
4.	<i>Text message</i>		____ disappears
5.	<i>Left arm</i>		____ joins the next word
6.	<i>Don't you dare!</i>		/t/ and /j/ become ____
7.	<i>Ice scream and I scream</i>		The stress _____