**1) Read the passage in your best English and focus on fluency.**

The best glass of beer is served cold. When you are old, you still want your beer cold. No way that you would like it warm. But on the other hand, warm tea is great as well. You just can’t mix it. However, nothing can beat a glass of water when you need it, especially in the summer after a long hike in the mountains. All the more when you are eighty years of age.

**2) Based on your reading, delete stresses that should not be there. For instance, the very first word is unstressed** (ðə).

ˈðə ˈbest ˈɡlɑːs ˈəv ˈbɪə ǀ ˈɪz ˈsɜːvd ˈkəʊld ǁ ˈwen ˈjʊ ˈə ˈəʊld ǁ ˈjə ˈstɪl ˈwɒnt ˈjə ˈbɪə ˈkəʊld ǁ ˈnəʊ ˈweɪ ǀ ˈðət ˈjʊ ˈwəd ˈlaɪk ˈɪt ˈwɔːm ǁ ˈbət ˈɒn ˈðiː ˈʌðə ˈhænd ǁ ˈwɔːm ˈtiː ǀ ˈɪz ˈɡreɪt ˈəz ˈwel ǁ ˈjʊ ˈdʒəst ˈkɑːnt ˈmɪks ˈɪt ǁ haʊˈevə ǁ ˈnʌθɪŋ ˈkən ˈbiːt ˈə ˈɡlɑːs ˈəv ˈwɔːtə ǀ ˈwen ˈjə ˈniːd ˈɪt ǁ ɪˈspeʃəlɪ ˈɪn ˈðə ˈsʌmə ǀ ˈɑːftə ˈə ˈlɒŋ ˈhaɪk ˈɪn ˈðə ˈmaʊntɪnz ǁ ˈɔːl ˈðə ˈmɔː ǀ ˈwen ˈjʊ ˈə ˈeɪtɪ ˈjɪəz ˈəv ˈeɪdʒ ǁ

**3) Check the stresses again. When you are satisfied, read the text once more from the transcription. Focus on stresses and reductions.**

**4) Predict and mark linking. Read the text again focusing on linking.**

**5) Check your solution with the solution provided in the accompanying PDF.**