

ADVICE AND TIPS

understanding connected speech

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE WORD IN ENGLISH? WHY DO YOU LIKE IT?



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- **Source:** Source: Krantz, C., Norton, J. Navigate B1 Pre-intermediate – Coursebook. OUP: 2015. Unit 8 pp. 80 ex. 2 a, b, c

2a 8.5))) Listen and complete these sentences.

- 1 They _____ when it started to snow.
- 2 This _____ chocolate.

c 8.7))) Listen and write the words you hear.

- 1 He likes the _____.
- 2 You can't _____ in the house.
- 3 It _____ house.
- 4 I _____ because it _____.
- 5 Be careful, _____.
- 6 She _____ me _____ presents.



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- When a word ends in a consonant and the next word starts with a vowel sound, speakers link the words together so they sound like one word. This can make it difficult to understand.

went in	<i>sounds like</i>	wentin /wentɪn/
the sound of it	<i>sounds like</i>	thesoundofit /ðəsəʊndɒvɪt/

- Sometimes words that end and start with consonants are also linked the same way.

let's leave	<i>sounds like</i>	letsleave /letsli:v/
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3 8.8))) Listen to seven people talking about their favourite word in English. Number the words in the order you hear them.

- a happiness d tomorrow g probably
b blossom e care
c octopus f snow

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4a Work with a partner and answer the questions.

- 1 Which words did people choose because of their pronunciation or meaning?
- 2 Which words did people choose because the word made them feel good?

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- 5 8.9))) Listen and complete some sentences from the listening using between one and three words in each space.
- a Then ¹ _____ I was ² _____ all the new words we'd learnt that day ³ _____.
- b Snow ⁴ _____ the quiet snow world. It's white and clean and I love freezing weather.
- c It's ⁵ _____ the first words that I ⁶ _____ in English.
- d It seems ⁷ _____ possibilities leading to a bright future.
- e ⁸ _____ short and simple word, but it ⁹ _____.
- f It ¹⁰ _____ of young ¹¹ _____ crisp, sunny spring mornings.
- g Snow - ¹² _____ the quiet snow world. It's ¹³ _____ clean ¹⁴ _____ freezing weather.