

Dropped Sounds

True /t/ comes at the beginning of a word or stressed syllable

today	tile	attach	tattoo
twin	tendency	pretend	italics

/t/ sounds like /ch/ when followed by /r/

train	trolley	true	tree
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Between consonants the /t/ is dropped.

first day	Today was his first day of school.
left my	I left my bag at the station.
best friends	Those two kids are best friends.
interest rates	Interest rates have remained low over the past year.
rest during	Try to get some rest during the flight.

The /t/ is dropped between /n/ and a vowel.

percent of	A percent of the profits go to charity.
president announced	The president announced a new trade policy.
patient asked	The patient asked for a new pillow.
apartment in	I got a new apartment in Brooklyn.
accident occurred	The accident occurred this morning.

/t/ sounds like a glottal stop (uh-oh) between a vowel, /n/, or /r/ and followed by /n/, or /m/.

partner	fitness	certain	it most
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/t/ sounds like /d/ if it's between a vowel or /r/ sound and another vowel, /r/, or syllabic /l/ sound.

daughter	computer	turtle	settle
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/t/ is dropped in contractions and sounds like the glottal stop in "uh-oh" .

No, he isn't.	No, they aren't.	No, I can't.	No, you shouldn't.
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