Listening and Speaking:
Flap “T”

1. In the Writing & Reading Center, go the section with computers for listening
2. Double click on ESL Applications
3. Double Click on American Speech Sounds
4. Click on “Listen & Choose”
5. Select “Shortcuts: Getting Better (Flap T)” under Exercises
6. Complete all 35 items
7. Record your score ____ % Correct
8. Read the sentences in the exercise below and circle the words that require the Flap “T” pronunciation.

Student List:

a. We can talk about that later on at the meeting.
b. I wish I could win the lottery this week!
c. There is clearly a shortage of good chemical engineers.
d. I know a little about marketing from my studies in college.
e. At the restaurant, the waiter brought water for everyone at the table.
f. I am determined to write a letter to my parents today.
g. The economy has improved by eighty or ninety percent.
h. We’re invited to a party on Saturday.
i. You’ll find some butter and lettuce in the refrigerator.
j. The student is getting ready to take the test.
9. Find an instructor or tutor. Read each sentence and focus on the correct pronunciation of the words you circled. The instructor will listen and give you feedback on your pronunciation of the words with the Flap “T” pronunciation. Discuss and practice any items which were particularly challenging with the instructor.

Language Note:

In American English sometimes the sound of the letter T (in the middle of a word) is not pronounced as a regular “T”. This is called a “Flap T” because the tip of the tongue taps the ridge behind the upper front teeth to produce the sound. Your tongue quickly taps the ridge behind your upper front teeth. It sounds more like a “D” than a “T”. It usually occurs after a vowel, “F”, “R”, “N” and before another vowel when the following syllable is not stressed. Some examples of words with Flap “T” include: little, letter, water, meeting, party, etc.

Instructor List:

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Instructor/Tutor Signature

Date:  

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