

Pronunciation and Intonation 🗣️

Assimilation: /d/ + /j/

In fluent speech when one word ends in a vowel sound then /d/ sound and the next word begins in a /j/ sound, the two sounds come together and change to a /dʒ/ sound. So 'would you' becomes 'woul/dʒ/ou', or even 'woul/dʒə/' This is an example of assimilation. Here are some more examples:

I'm sad you decided to quit.

I'm sa/dʒ/ou decided to quit.

Could you get here by midnight?

Coul/dʒ/ou get here by midnight?

Should you see him, can you give him a message?

Shoul/dʒ/ou see him, can you give him a message?

I don't think the gold you bought was real.

I don't think the gol/dʒ/ou bought was real.

Now, let's listen to how some people in London ask for help to hear and learn this point better:

