Plosives – spoken language

Plosive sounds are made by suddenly releasing air that has been blocked by various parts of the mouth. The others are /b/, /t/, /p/, /k/ and /g/.

The contraction 'I'd' ends in the sound /d/:

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In fluent, everyday speech, when one word ends in a plosive sound and the next begins in another consonant sound, we don’t always hear the release of the plosive sound. This is called 'an unreleased stop', or, technically, **'a stop with no audible release'**:

How about a qui**ck** **ch**at?  
You shoul**d** **th**ank her.  
It was a sa**d** **t**ime in his life.  
Why don't you si**t** **d**own?