

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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I'd like to visit South America.

I'd like to visit Spain and Greece.

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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 **quick chat**?

You should **thank** her.

It was a **sad time** in his life.

Why don't you sit **down**?