PRONUNCIATION IN CONVERSATION features of fluent speech

PRONUNCIATION IN SLOW SPEECH

We are likely to speak more slowly

· carefully explaining sth to sb

(e.g. a nurse explaining how to make a sling)

• talking to a large audience

(e.g. giving a presentation)

• unfamiliar/difficult topic

(e.g. using professional terminology)

PRONUNCIATION IN FAST SPEECH

We are likely to speak more quickly

• in informal conversation

(e.g. talking to friends, relatives, ...)

- talking about routine or familiar objects
- leaving consonant sounds out of consonant clusters (e.g. jumps, last night, a bottle of water), contracted forms (e.g. You've gotta be ...), ellipsis (e.g. I've Got a headache)