The heartbeat of English: Chunking revisited

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Learning English...
Opening Doors

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Willem

- Speed
- Fluency
- Vocab
Sound chunking

Natural to native speakers

- Accents

- Pauses

- Intonation
Train awareness

Listen to native speakers ->
Provide sound script -> mark pauses

VB in Japan
Visualise chunks

Chunked script

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• mark stress

VB in Japan
Chunked script + accents

• Take it all in
• Mark intonation
• Read script aloud

VB about her ‘public persona’
Tell me my story!

- You repeat what I say
- You repeat what I say
- Etc!
1. Slows you down

2. Makes you chunk

3. Gives you time to think
   (pauses = stepping stones)
Follow up

SPEAKER / PARROT / SECRETARY

• Read script aloud
• Mark stress
Hands-on techniques
Stepping stones

• Step while speaking?

• First speak, then step?
Whiteboard Magnets

• Plonking while speaking?

• First speak, then plonk?
Chunked poems

1   Parroting
2   Big fun
3   Repeating your partner
4   And there you are:
1   +  Chunking!
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More?
Thank you

Speak soon!

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