

Exercise 10-2: Reduced Sounds *continued*

To

Looks Like...	Sounds Like...
It's the only way to do it.	its thee ^(v) ounly weidə do ^{(w)ʹt}
So to speak...	soda speak
I don't know how to say it.	äi don ^(t) know hæwdə say ^{(v)it}
Go to page 8.	goudə pay jate
Show me how to get it.	shou me hæodə geddit
You need to know when to do it.	you nee ^(d) də nou wendə do ^{(w)it}
Who's to blame?	hooz də blame

At

At is just the opposite of to. It's a small grunt followed by a reduced t.

We're at home.	wir ^ə t home
I'll see you at lunch.	äiyəl see you ^(w) ət lunch
Dinner's at five.	d'nnerz ^{ə(t)} five
Leave them at the door.	leev ^ə m ^{ə(t)} th ^ə door
The meeting's at one.	th' meeding z't w'n
He's at the post office.	heez ^{ə(t)} th' poussdäff^əs
They're at the bank.	ther ^{ə(t)} th' bænk
I'm at school.	äim ^{ə(t)} school

If at is followed by a vowel sound, it will become 'd or əd.

I'll see you at eleven.	äiyəl see you ^(w) ədə lev'n
He's at a meeting.	heez'ə də meeding
She laughed at his idea.	she læf dədi zy deeyə
One at a time.	wənədə time
We got it at an auction.	we gädidədə näksh'n
The show started at eight.	th' show stardədə date
The dog jumped out at us.	th' dæg jump dæo dədəs
I was at a friend's house.	äi w'z'd' frenz hæos

It

It and at sound the same in context—'t.

Can you do it?	k'niu do ^{(w)ʹt}
Give it to me.	g'v ^(t) t' me
Buy it tomorrow.	bäi ^{(v)ə(t)} t' märow
It can wait.	't c'n wait
Read it twice.	ree d' ^(t) twice
Forget about it!	frgedd' bæodit

...and they both turn to 'd or əd between vowels or voiced consonants.

Give it a try.	gividə try
Let it alone.	ledidə lone
Take it away.	tay kida way
I got it in London.	äi gädidin l'nd'n
What is it about?	w'd'z'd' bæot
Let's try it again.	lets try'd' gen
Look! There it is!	lük there'd'z