

{ Assimilation

Assimilation takes place when a sound changes its character in order to become more like a neighbouring sound.

- **Direction of Assimilation**

- progressive

- regressive

- reciprocal (double)

pen □ pens

/'penz/



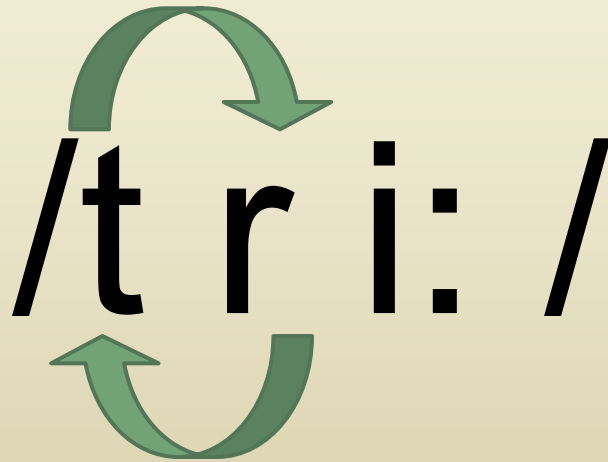
in them

/in ðem/



tree

/t r i: /



- Degree of Completeness

- complete

- incomplete

cupboard

/'kʌpbəd > 'kʌbəd/

plays

/'pleiz/

- **Degree of Stability**
 - historical
 - non-obligatory

orchard
(ort+yard)

/'ɔ:tjəd>'ɔ:tʃəd/

ten girls

/ten gɜ:lz > ten̩ gɜ:lz /

Changes in the manner of articulation

- Loss of plosion
 - plosive + plosive (e.g. *lamp post*)
- Nasal plosion
 - plosive + /m, n/ (e.g. *button*)
- Lateral plosion
 - plosive + /l/ (e.g. *candle*)

Changes in the place of articulation

Incomplete

1. Labialization - /t, d, k, g/ + /w/
lips are rounded

2. Alveolar □ dental - /t, d, s, z l, r, n,/ + /ð, θ/

3. Alveolar □ post-alveolar - /t, d, n, l/ + /r/

4. Bilabial □ labio-dental - /p, b, m/ + /f,v/

5. Alveolar □ palato-alveolar /t, d/ + /j/

6. Post-alveolar □ alveolar

Changes in the place of articulation

Complete

1. Alveolar □ bilabial

that **pen** [ðæp pen]; **ten men** [tem men]

2. Alveolar □ backlingual

ten cups [ten kʌps]; **good concert** [gʊg kɒnsət]

3. Alveolar □ palato-alveolar

this judge [ðis dʒʌdʒ] → [ðif dʒʌdʒ]

this shop [ðis ʃɒp] → [ðif ʃɒp]

Voicing and devoicing

- 1.
 - /m, n, l, w, r, j/ become partially devoiced after voiceless /s, p, t, k, f, ʃ, θ/
- 2.
 - voicing and devoicing of the possessive suffix –'s/'s', the plural suffix –(e)s and the third person singular
- 3
 - voicing and devoicing of the suffix -ed