

A Knock at the Door

Practice reading the following poem paying close attention to linking the past tense.

Example: *She chopped all the carrots.* This sentence would have a /t/ sound in the word “chopped” because “all” starts with a vowel, so “chopped all” should sound like “chop tall” without a pause between the words.

Then she chopped the green beans. This sentence would not have a /t/ sound in the word “chopped” because “the” starts with a consonant, so “chopped the” would sound like “chop the” without a pause between the words.

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She chopped all the carrots.
Then she chopped the green beans.
And she washed the bell peppers.
She washed all of them clean.

She laughed out loud.
She laughed the whole day long.
She hummed a little tune.
Then she hummed the whole song.

He buzzed the buzzer quickly.
Then he buzzed a little more.
He listened for her footsteps.
He listened at the door.

She looked through the open window.
Then she looked into his eyes.
He walked in through the door.
And he walked back into her life.