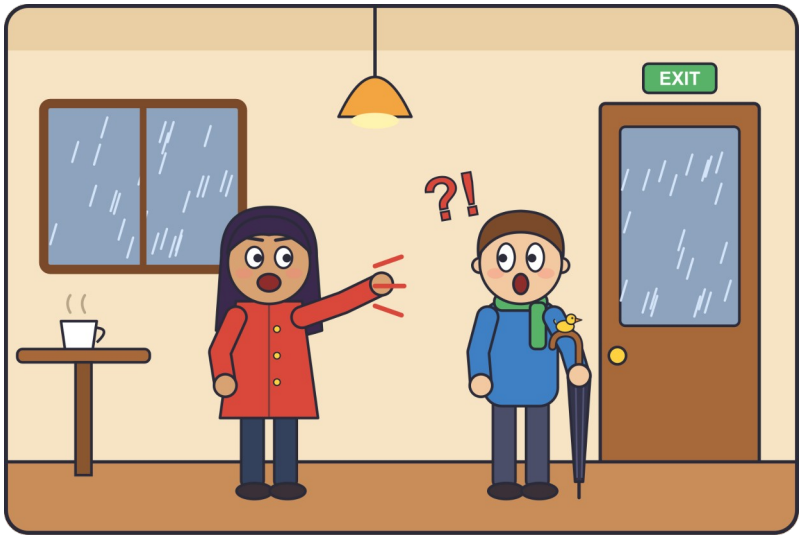
The Wrong Umbrella?

linked

Story 1 • Level A2 • People: Sam and Lina



It is four o'clock? . ↘ It is raining . ↘ Sam?

r flap · linked · r flap

finishes his coffee and walks to the door of the

j-glide · dropped · linked

cafe . There is a black umbrella? near the door .

linked · linked · linked

He takes it . ↘

linked

Lina: Excuse me ! ↘ Wait ! ↘

Sam?: Me ? ↗

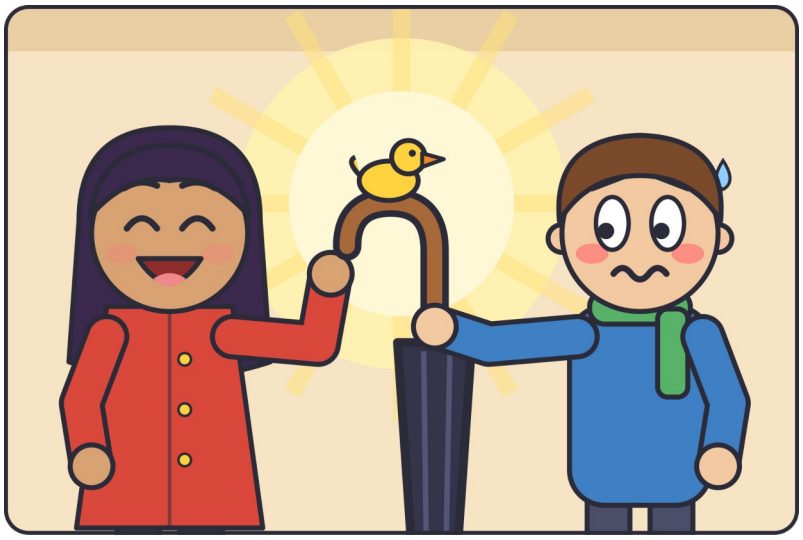
Lina: Yes , you . ↘ That's my umbrella? . ↘

j-glide

Sam?: I don't think so . ↘ My umbrella? is black . ↘

dropped · j-glide · linked

ˈl iː n ə
Li•na : maɪ n ∅ ɪ z ˈb l æ k ˈt uː . ↘ ˈl ʊ k ə t ð ə ˈh æ n d ə l ∅ . ↘
Mine is **black** **too** . ↘ **Look** at the **han•dle** . ↘
linked
linked



ˈs ʌ m ˈl ʊ k s ˈð ɛ ɹ ∅ ɪ z ə ˈs m ɔː l ˈj ɛ l oʊ ˈd ʌ k ɑː n ð ə
Sam? **looks** . ↘ **There** is a **sma ll** **ye ll•ow** **duck** on the
linked
linked
linked

ˈh æ n d ə l ∅
han•dle .

ˈs ʌ m
Sam? : ˈoʊ n oʊ ə ˈd ʌ k . ↘
Oh no . ↘ A **duck** . ↘

ˈl iː n ə
Li•na : h ɝ ˈn eɪ m ∅ ɪ z ˈd eɪ z i
Her **name** is **Dai•sy** . ↘
linked

ˈs ʌ m
Sam? : aɪ ∅ m s oʊ ˈs ɑː ɹ i m aɪ ˈʌ m ˌb ɹ ɛ l ə d ʌ ∅ z ən ∅ t h æ v ∅ ə
I 'm so **sorr•y** ! ↘ My **um•bre ll•a**? does•n 't have a
j-glide
dropped
linked

ˈd ʌ k
duck .

ˈl iː n ə
Li•na : s oʊ ˈw ɛ ɹ ∅ ɪ z j ɚ ˈʌ m ˌb ɹ ɛ l ə
So **wher** is y our **um•bre ll•a**? ? ↗
linked
z+j → ʒ
linked

ˈs ʌ m
Sam? : [*thinking*] ə t ˈh oʊ m ∅ ˈn ɛ k s t t ə m aɪ ˈb ɛ d
At **hom** . ↘ **Next** to my **bed** . ↘
dropped

ˈl iː n ə
Li•na : [*laughing*] s oʊ j uː d oʊ n ∅ t h æ v ∅ ə n ˈʌ m ˌb ɹ ɛ l ə ?
So you don't have an um•bre•ll•a?

(dropped: don't; linked: have an; linked: um•bre•ll•a)

t ə ˈd eɪ
to•day .

ˈs ʌ m ?
Sam: n oʊ ə n d m aɪ ˈb ʌ s ˈl iː v ∅ z ɪ n ˈf aɪ v ∅ ˈm ɪ n ə t ∅ s
No . ↘ And my **bus leaves** in **five min•utes** .

(dropped: And; linked: leaves in)

ˈl iː n ə
Li•na ˈl ʊ k s ə t ð ə ˈɹ eɪ n . ↘ ˈð ɛ n ʃ iː ˈl ʊ k s ə t ˈs ʌ m ? . ↘
looks at the **rain** . ↘ **Then** she **looks** at **Sam**? . ↘

(linked: looks at; linked: looks at)

ˈl iː n ə
Li•na : ˈw ɛ ɹ ∅ ɪ z j ɚ ˈb ʌ s ˈs t ɑː p ?↘
Where is your **bus stop** ?↘

(linked: Where is; z+j → ʒ)

ˈs ʌ m ?
Sam: ˈn ɪ ɹ ð ə ˈb æ ŋ k . ↘
Near the **bank** . ↘

ˈl iː n ə
Li•na : aɪ ∅ m ˈg oʊ ɪ ŋ ð æ t ˈw eɪ . ↘ ˈk ʌ m ∅ ɑː n . ↘ ɪ t ∅ s ə ˈb ɪ g
I'm **go•ing** that **way** . ↘ **Come** on . ↘ It's a **big**

(linked: Come on; linked: It's a)

ˈʌ m ˌb ɹ ɛ l ə ? . ↘
um•bre•ll•a? . ↘



ð eɪ ˈw ɔː ∅ k t ə ˈg ɛ ð ɚ ˈʌ n d ɚ ð i ˈʌ m ˌb ɹ ɛ l ə ? . ð ə ˈs t ɹ iː t
They walk to•geth•er un•der the um•bre•ll•a? . **The street**

(linked: together under; j-glide: the umbrella)

ɪ z ˈw ɛ t ə n d ˈn ɔɪ z i
is wet and **noi•sy** .

(ɾ flap: wet; dropped: and)

Sam: I'm **Sam**, by the **way**. ↘

Lina: I'm **Li**na. ↘ Do you **of**ten **take** **oth**er

people's **um**bre**ll**as, **Sam**? ↗

Sam: **On**ly on **Tues**days. ↘

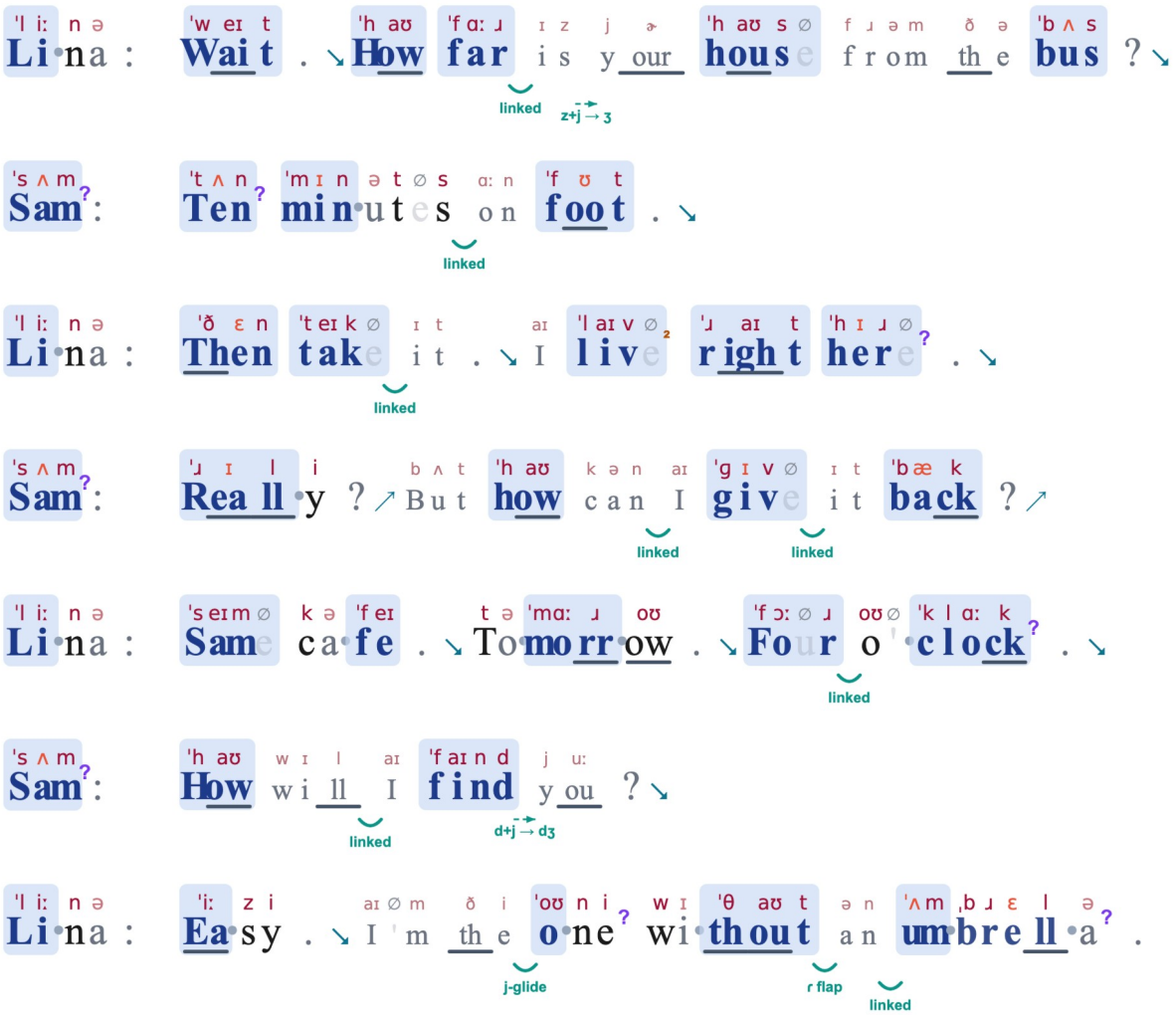
Lina: To**day** is **Wed**nes**day**? ↘

Sam: **Then** this is my **first** **time**.



The **bus** is at the **stop**. Its **doors** are **o**pen. ↘

Sam: That's my **bus**! ↘ **Thank** you, **Li**na. ↘ Here's your **um**bre**ll**a? ↘


Lina: Wait . How far is your house from the bus ?
linked
z+j → ʒ
Sam: Ten minutes on foot .
linked
Lina: Then take it . I live right here .
linked
Sam: Really ? But how can I give it back ?
linked
linked
Lina: Same cafe . Tomorrow . Four o'clock .
linked
Sam: How will I find you ?
linked
d+j → dʒ
Lina: Easy . I'm the one without an umbrella .
j-glide
r flap
linked

HOW TO READ THIS PAGE

'ɹiːd **read**	Stressed part — say it louder & longer	tə to	Weak word — say it quick & soft
∅ e	Silent letter — don't say it	θ th	Two letters spell one sound
wa•ter	Dot · marks a syllable break	go‿on	Linked — blend the words together
? ↗ ↘	Voice rises ↗ or falls ↘	sɛvən 7	Number — how to say it aloud
read ²	Has a second pronunciation	guess ?	Best guess — double-check it

IPA KEY

Vowels	i as in *happy*	iː as in *see*	uː as in *blue*	æ as in *cat*	ɑː as in *father*	
	ɔː as in *law*	ə as in *about*	ɛ as in *bed*	ɪ as in *sit*	ʊ as in *put*	
	ʌ as in *cup*					
Diphthongs	aɪ as in *my*	aʊ as in *cow*	eɪ as in *say*	oʊ as in *boat*	ɔɪ as in *boy*	
R-colored	ɚ as in *letter*	ɝ as in *bird*				
Consonants	j as in *yes*	ð as in *this*	ŋ as in *sing*	ɹ as in *red*	ɾ as in *butter*	
	ʃ as in *shop*	θ as in *thin*				

'n uː 'w ɝ d z New words

'ʌm ˌbɹ ɛ l ə um•bre•ll•a?	j uː 'hoʊ l d ɪ t 'oʊ v ɚ j ɚ 'h ɛ d w ɛ n ɪ t You hold it o•ver your head when it linked · r flap · linked 'ɹ eɪ n z rains .
'h æ n d əl ∅ han•dle	ð ə 'pɑːɹ t ə v ə 'θ ɪ ŋ ð æ t j uː 'hoʊ l d ɪ n The part of a thing that you hold in linked · linked · t+j→tʃ · linked j ɚ 'h æ n d your hand .
'b ʌ s 's t ɑːp bus stop	ð ə 'p l eɪ s ∅ 'w ɛ ɹ ∅ j uː 'w eɪ t f ɚ ð ə 'b ʌ s The place where you wait for the bus .
b aɪ ð ə 'w eɪ by the way	j uː 's eɪ ð ɪ s w ɛ n j uː 'æ d 's ʌ m ∅ θ ɪ ŋ You say this when you add some•thing w-glide 'n uː t ə ð ə 'kɑːn v ɚ ˌseɪ ʃ ə n? new to the con•ver•sa•tion .
ɑːn 'f ʊ t on foot	'wɔːk ∅ ɪ ŋ n ɑːt b aɪ 'kɑːɹ ɔːɹ 'b ʌ s Walk•ing , not by car or bus . linked
'g ɪ v ∅ 'b æ k give back	t ə 'ɹ ɪ ɾ ɚ n ə 'θ ɪ ŋ t u ɪ t s 'oʊ n ɚ To ret•urn a thing to its ow•ner . linked · w-glide · linked

ˈkwɛs tʃøənz
Ques·tions

1. ˈwɛɹø ɑːɹø ˈsʌm? ənd ˈliː nə ət ðə ˈstɑːɹt əv ðə
Where are **Sam**? and **Li·na** at the **start** of the
linked · linked · dropped · linked · linked

ˈstɔːɹi ?↘
stor·y

2. ˈhaʊ dəøz ˈliː nə ø ˈnoʊ ðiˈʌm ˌbɹɛlə? ɪz hɚz ?↘
How does **Li·na** **know** the **um·bre·ll·a**? is her·s
j-glide · linked

3. ˈwɛɹø ɪz ˈsæmøz ˈʌm ˌbɹɛlə? ?↘
Where is **Sam's** **um·bre·ll·a**?
linked · linked

4. ˈwaɪ dəøz ˈliː nə ˈgɪvø ˈsʌm? hɚ ˈʌm ˌbɹɛlə? ət ðə ˈbʌs
Why does **Li·na** **give** **Sam**? her **um·bre·ll·a**? at the **bus**
linked · linked

ˈstɑːp ?↘
stop

5. wɛn ənd ˈwɛɹø wɪl ˈsʌm? ənd ˈliː nə ˈmiːt əˈgɛn ?↘
When and **where** will **Sam**? and **Li·na** **meet** a·**gain**
linked · dropped · linked · dropped · r flap

ˈtɔːøk əbaʊt ɪt
Talk a·**bout** it
linked · r flap

dəjuː ˈɛvɚ fɚˈgɛt jɚ ˈʌm ˌbɹɛlə?, jɚ ˈkiːz ɔːɹ
Do you **ev·er** for·**get** your **um·bre·ll·a**?, your **keys** or
w-glide · t+j → tʃ · linked · linked

jɚ ˈfoʊni? wʌt dəjuː duː
your **pho·ne**? ?↗ What do you do ?↘