

SPEAK
ENGLISH
WITH *Christina* 



**UNDERSTAND *Real*
AMERICAN ENGLISH**



Season 1

**Catching up with Michael
Video lesson 1**

Some expressions from the conversation:

- 1. “How have you been?”**
- 2. “What have you been up to recently?”**
- 3. “Where you working?”**
- 4. “Where you living at?”**
- 5. “How does that work?”**

Read these expressions aloud (this is important!)

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- 2. “What have you been up to recently?”**
- 3. “Where you working?”**
- 4. “Where you living at?”**
- 5. “How does that work?”**

Listen carefully.

**We don't articulate the words
clearly.**



These questions sound fast:

How have you been?

/how 'av you been?/

These questions sound fast:

**What have you been up to
recently?**

*/wha duv you been up to
recently/*

These questions sound fast:

Where you working?

/where you workin/

These questions sound fast:

Where you living at?

/where ya livin at/

These questions sound fast:

How does that work?

/how duh zat work/

Why does it sound so fast?





**The sounds of
spoken English**



Spoken English: Fast questions



Fast questions

These are common questions, that we easily recognize immediately.

We say and understand them fast, almost as one continuous sound sometimes



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**The context and the fact that they're so common
= we pay little attention to clearly articulating**

**We sometimes drop the auxiliary verbs
completely**

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Where you working?
*(Where **are** you working?)*

Listen to these extracts again



**Focus on the sound of the
question. Don't focus on
individual words.**



How have you been?

/how 'av you been?/





**What have you been up
to recently?**

*/wha duv yōu been up to
recently/*





Where you living at?

/where ya livin at/





How does that work?

/how duh zat work/



**Pronunciation & comprehension
are like**



two sides of the same coin

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Have fun!