



Chunks in context

To understand native speakers easily, it's important to quickly recognize chunks. Chunks are expressions that we use often. They can be short (2 words) or longer. The important thing is to recognize the sounds.

For this activity, listen to each extract on the lesson webpage. Complete the extracts below.

Check your answers with the correction at the end of the worksheet.

Then listen again to each extract. Focus on catching the chunks you wrote on the worksheet.

Extract 1:

Christina: That, uh, that grape salad stuff that you made was really good.

Bonnie: Oh, _____

Christina: Yeah, yeah, no, it-it was, was really good, and I've like, I've never had it before.

Extract 2:

Christina: That, uh, that grape salad stuff that you made was really good.

Bonnie: Oh, I'm glad you liked it.

Christina: Yeah, yeah, no, it-it was, was really good, and I've like, I've never had it before. _____?

Bonnie: Well, um, we had a lady-

Christina: Mm-hmm (affirmative)-

Bonnie: that I work with-

Extract 3:

Bonnie: And two pounds of red grapes.

Christina: Okay.

Bonnie: Um, pull all of them off the vine.

Christina: Yeah.

Bonnie: Um, you know, rinse and wash them. Uh, then _____, um, a pack of cream cheese-

Christina: Okay, so just a block of it.

Bonnie: Just a block of cream cheese.

Extract 4:

- Bonnie:** You know, I use a hand mixer.
- Christina:** Yeah
- Bonnie:** Um, but you can do it, um, you can do it in a big mixer, if you like.
- Christina:** Okay, yeah, sure.
- Bonnie:** Um, _____ to get the cream cheese-
- Christina:** To do it.
- Bonnie:** blended, 'cause you making a dressing-
- Christina:** Okay, basically.
- Bonnie:** out of it. And, um, I put some pecans in with it.

Extract 5:

- Christina:** And you just mix everything up, okay.
- Bonnie:** Yeah.
- Christina:** So like you-
- Bonnie:** Some-some grapes-
- Christina:** Yeah, _____, like you put, 'cause I thought it looked like the pecans were on top of the salad.
- Bonnie:** I did, I layered, I layered pecans on top.
- Christina:** _____

ANSWERS

Extract #1:

- Christina:** That, uh, that grape salad stuff that you made was really good.
Bonnie: Oh, **I'm glad you liked it.**
Christina: Yeah, yeah, no, it-it was, was really good, and I've like, I've never had it before.

Extract #2:

- Christina:** That, uh, that grape salad stuff that you made was really good.
Bonnie: Oh, I'm glad you liked it.
Christina: Yeah, yeah, no, it-it was, was really good, and I've like, I've never had it before. **Where'd you get the recipe?**
Bonnie: Well, um, we had a lady-
Christina: Mm-hmm (affirmative)-
Bonnie: that I work with-

Extract #3:

- Bonnie:** And two pounds of red grapes.
Christina: Okay.
Bonnie: Um, pull all of them off the vine.
Christina: Yeah.
Bonnie: Um, you know, rinse and wash them. Uh, then **you're going to take**, um, a pack of cream cheese-
Christina: Okay, so just a block of it.
Bonnie: Just a block of cream cheese.

Extract #4:

- Bonnie:** You know, I use a hand mixer.
Christina: Yeah.
Bonnie: Um, but you can do it, um, you can do it in a big mixer, if you like.
Christina: Okay, yeah, sure.
Bonnie: Um, **it would take a lot of work** to get the cream cheese-
Christina: To do it.
Bonnie: blended, 'cause you making a dressing-
Christina: Okay, basically
Bonnie: out of it. And, um, I put some pecans in with it.

Extract #5:

Christina: And you just mix everything up, okay.

Bonnie: Yeah.

Christina: So like you-

Bonnie: 'Some-some grapes-

Christina: Yeah, **I was gonna say**, like you put, 'cause I thought it looked like the pecans were on top of the salad.

Bonnie: I did, I layered, I layered pecans on top.

Christina: **Oh, got it**