

## Re: Subtitutes for English /T/ and /D/

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On Jul 22, 1:48 pm, Dominic Bojarski <[dominicbojar...@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:dominicbojar...@xxxxxxxxxxx)>  
wrote:

F) failing to complete n, m, l, and w at the end of a word.  
Polish  
pronunciation stops far short of the portion of the sound that  
English speakers depend on for recognition. We just hear  
"something"  
that we cannot interpret.

I don't know what you mean by "complete" the sounds. American English  
is chock-full of "unreleased" final consonants.

Read it again. "Polish pronunciation stops far short of the portion of  
the sound that English speakers depend on for recognition. We just  
hear "something" that we cannot interpret." Another poster on this  
thread commented that for him, the English "n" seems to last FOUR  
TIMES as long as the "n" in his language, which I believe was Dutch.  
The same thing with Polish. Polish speakers break off the sound before  
they get to the part that we English speakers need in order to  
recognize it.

If you're unable to discuss language and linguistic phenomena using  
the terminology that phoneticians and linguists have developed over  
the past two centuries, maybe you should go learn the terminology