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879a Some words have one consonant sound at the end. Listen.

stop

sick (ck is 2 letters but only 1 sound /k/)



879b Some words have groups of two or three consonant sounds at the end. Listen.

stops (ps is 2 sounds)

stamp (mp is 2 sounds)

six (x is 1 letter but 2 sounds /ks/)

stamps (mps is 3 sounds)

sixth (xth is 3 sounds /ksθ/)

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880 Listen and repeat these words with two consonant sounds at the end. Be careful – don't put a vowel sound between the consonants.

arrived

ask

build

dance

find

finished

help

stops

stamp

six

C



881a Listen and repeat these words with three consonant sounds at the end. Be careful – don't put a vowel sound between the consonants.

asks

builds

crisps

danced

helps

sixth

stamps



881b Sometimes we don't pronounce all the consonant sounds clearly. Listen.

Important
for listening

sto(p)s

hel(p)

frien(d)s

as(k)

stam(p)

wan(t)s

stam(p)s

hel(p)ed

buil(d)s

Exercises

26.1 Listen and circle the word you hear.

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- | | | | |
|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 1 cold | colder | 6 old | older |
| 2 cold | colder | 7 sent | centre |
| 3 dance | dancer | 8 sent | centre |
| 4 dance | dancer | 9 fast | faster |
| 5 old | older | 10 fast | faster |

Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

26.2 Listen and complete the sentences with words from Exercise 26.1.

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- 1 Yesterday was cold, but today's _____.
- 2 My wife's a good _____ but I can't _____ at all.
- 3 I'm _____ than you, but not too _____ to learn English.
- 4 I _____ my daughter to buy some things in the shopping _____.
- 5 The bus is _____ but the train's _____.

Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

26.3 Underline the consonant groups at the ends of words in the dialogues.



- 1 A: Have you seen that film? B: No, I haven't.
- 2 A: Be there at six. B: Is that when it starts?
- 3 A: Have you been to France? B: Yes, once.
- 4 A: How do you say 'Hello' in French? B: I can't speak French.
- 5 A: Have some of these biscuits. B: No, thanks, I don't like them.
- 6 A: I found some money in the street today. B: How much? A: Fifty pence.
- 7 A: What's for lunch? B: Fish and chips.
- 8 A: I only slept six hours last night. B: I didn't sleep at all!
- 9 A: What colour are your new gloves? B: Pink and orange!

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Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

26.4 Complete each phrase with one of the words in the box.

boots physics west silence
thousands isn't banks last

EXAMPLE

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| first and <u>last</u> | 4 socks and _____ |
| 1 maths and _____ | 5 shops and _____ |
| 2 it wasn't and it _____ | 6 sound and _____ |
| 3 hundreds and _____ | 7 from east to _____ |

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Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

Consonant groups across words

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B886 Sometimes a word ends with a consonant or a consonant group, and the next word starts with a consonant or consonant group, and you pronounce the consonants together as a group. Listen and repeat.

this_time
a_plane_ticket
a_pop_star
an_English_class
the_next_word
orange_juice
this_morning
time_to_go
an_old_castle



A pop star

An old castle

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Important
for listening

Sometimes you don't hear all the consonants clearly. Listen and repeat.

stop_the game	sto(p) the game
last_week	las(t) week
back_to work	ba(ck) to work
and_then ...	an(d) then ...
put_your bag_down	put your ba(g) down

B



B888 Sometimes the sound of one of the consonants changes. Listen and repeat.

ten	ten_boys	(n sounds like m)
	ten_girls	(n sounds like /ŋ/)
good	goodbye	(d sounds like b)
	good_goal!	(d sounds like g)



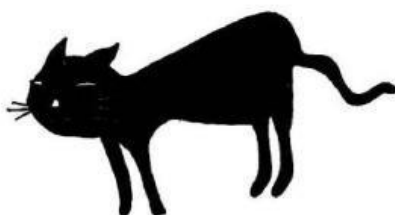
Good goal!

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B889 If the same consonant sound comes at the end of one word and the beginning of the next word, you usually hear it only once, but longer than normal. Listen and repeat.

ten_nights
this_summer
some_money
enough_food
stop_playing
a_good_day
a_black_cat
call_later



Exercises

27.1 Listen and complete the sentences.

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EXAMPLE

Were you at the last meeting?

- 1 See you week.
- 2 Have a time.
- 3 Have a holiday.
- 4 me a call.
- 5 me an email.
- 6 me how you are.
- 7 me a letter.
- 8 me a present.

Check with the Key. Then listen again and repeat.

27.2 Underline the consonant groups across words in these sentences.

EXAMPLE

This is the last time.

- 1 It's really warm today.
- 2 Try this sentence.
- 3 I don't know what to do.
- 4 Look through all the photos.
- 5 Check the answer.
- 6 I'd like to ask you something.
- 7 Is this the right place?
- 8 I haven't listened to this CD yet.
- 9 The meeting's on Monday.
- 10 The potatoes aren't cooked yet.



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Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

27.3 Complete the phrases with the words from the box. You will need to use some of them more than once.

this young cheap white big next black last old small

<u>this</u> month	 month	 month
a/an town	a/an town	a/an town
a/an cat	a/an cat	a/an cat
a/an cat	a/an cat	a/an cat
..... clothes	 clothes	 clothes
..... clothes	 clothes	 clothes

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Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.