

FINAL CLUSTERS

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I. Write the correct final cluster.

- Ask (/sk/) Asked (/ ____ /)
- Help (/ ____ /) Helped (/ ____ /)
- Test (/ ____ /) Tests (/ ____ /)
- Lift (/ ____ /) Lifts (/ ____ /)
- Pack (/ ____ /) Packed (/ ____ /)

II. Mark T (true) or F (false).

1. ____ When a word ends in a consonant and the next word starts with a vowel, you should join them together clearly.
2. ____ If two words share the same consonant (e.g., music class), you should pronounce each consonant separately with a small pause between them.
3. ____ According to Rule 2, help people should be pronounced as one long /p/ sound.
4. ____ When a final consonant is followed by a different consonant, you should pronounce that final consonant very strongly before moving to the next word.
5. ____ In the phrase black van, the /k/ sound should be softened or "held" rather than exploded.
6. ____ Grammatical endings (like -s or -ed) can actually make consonant clusters larger and more complex.

III Write the rule next to the pairs.

1. "Keep up" (Final /p/ + vowel /u/) – Rule: ____
2. "Good dog" (Final /d/ + same /d/) – Rule: ____
3. "Sit down" (Final /t/ + different /d/) – Rule: ____
4. "Fast enough" (Final /t/ + vowel /e/) – Rule: ____
5. "This summer" (Final /s/ + same /s/) – Rule: ____

