

Sunglasses or umbrella?

Consonant groups in the middle of words

A



B69 Some words have one consonant sound in the middle. Listen.

paper

pepper (pp is 2 letters but only 1 sound)

weather (th is 2 letters but only 1 sound)

listen (st is 2 letters but only 1 sound – t is silent)

B



B70a Some words have groups of two or three consonant sounds in the middle. Listen.

colder (ld is 2 sounds)

computer (mp is 2 sounds)

classroom (ssr is 2 sounds)

sixteen (xt is 3 sounds /kst/)



B70b Listen and repeat these words with two consonant sounds in the middle. Be careful – don't put a vowel sound between the consonants.

alphabet

asking

bookshop

building

dancing

lovely

remember

timetable



B70c Listen and repeat these words with three consonant sounds in the middle.

children

complete

country

downstairs

expensive

friendly

sunglasses

umbrella



B70d Sometimes we don't pronounce all the consonant sounds clearly. Listen.

Important
for listening

Se(p)tember

Chris(t)mas

pi(c)nic

pos(t)card

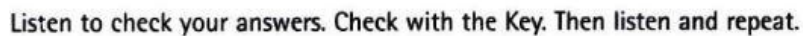
goo(d)bye

brea(k)fast

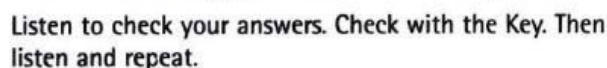
foo(t)ball

sho(p)keeper

- 1 The day after Monday is Tues day.
- 2 $37 + 13 =$ fin ey
- 3 The opposite of cheap is en e ive.
- 4 A very short distance: a cem etre.
- 5 Something to write with: a pen il.
- 6 The last month of the year is Decem ber.
- 7 The month after August is Sep tember.
- 8 The room where you sleep is the bed room.
- 9 The tenth month of the year is Oc tober.
- 10 An important test is an ex am.



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



A



B74 Some words have one consonant sound at the beginning. Listen.

late

rain

white (wh is 2 letters but only 1 sound)

Some words have groups of two or three consonant sounds at the beginning. Listen and repeat these words. Be careful – don't put a vowel sound between the consonants.

B



B75a Two consonant sounds at the beginning:

plate

train

quite (qu is pronounced /kw/)



B75b Three consonant sounds at the beginning:

spring

street

square (squ is pronounced /skw/)



B75c Here are some more examples. Listen and repeat.

1 bread

2 price

3 bless

4 class

5 glass

6 cream

7 quiet

8 spell

9 stand

10 swim

11 stranger

12 stress

Pass me some bread.

What's the price?

(sneeze) Bless you!

How many are there in your class?

Where are my glasses?

Do you like ice cream?

Isn't it quiet?

How do you spell it?

Where shall I stand?

Can you swim?

I'm a stranger here.

a job with a lot of stress



Exercises

25.1 Listen and circle the word you hear.



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|----------------|---------|
| 1 <u>dress</u> | address |
| 2 rain | train |
| 3 miles | smiles |
| 4 cool | school |
| 5 sleep | asleep |
| 6 rain | train |
| 7 dress | address |
| 8 sleep | asleep |
| 9 miles | smiles |
| 10 cool | school |
| 11 win | twin |
| 12 win | twin |

Check with the Key. Then listen again and repeat the sentences.

25.2 Make as many words as you can with sounds from boxes 1+2, 1+2+3 or 2+3.

	box 1	box 2	box 3
	g r	eɪ	t
1	p l t r	eɪ	n t
2	f t θ s r	i:	t
3	s l n	əʊ	z p
4	f l r	aɪ	t

EXAMPLE grey, great, gate, eight



Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

25.3 Complete the words. They all have two consonant sounds and two consonant letters.

- I don't like travelling by p_lane.
- The sky's _ue today.
- What would you like to _ink?
- Is it the _elfth today?
- Is this seat _ee?
- It's five o'_ock.
- How many languages can you _eak?
- Don't sit on that dirty _oor.



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



I don't like travelling by plane.