

# 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

