

Sunglasses or umbrella?

Consonant groups in the middle of words

A



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



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/)



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



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

children

complete

country

downstairs

expensive

friendly

sunglasses

umbrella



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

Se(p)tember

Chris(t)mas

pi(c)nic

pos(t)card

goo(d)bye

brea(k)fast

foo(t)ball

sho(p)keeper

Important
for listening

Exercises

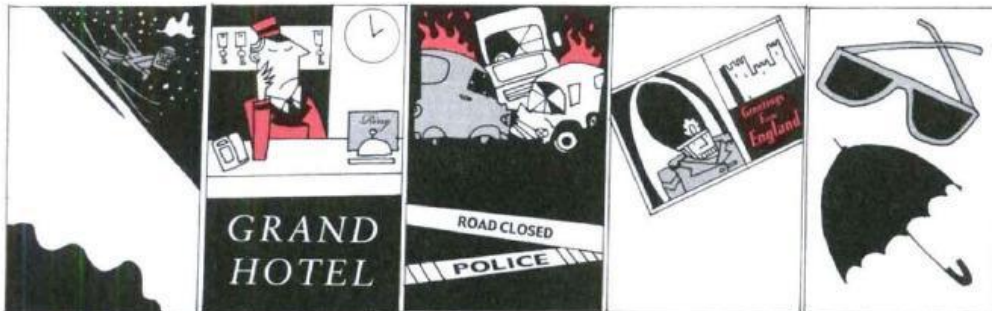
24.1 Complete the words.

- 1 The day after Monday is Tues day.
- 2 $37 + 13 =$ fi y
- 3 The opposite of cheap is e x e p en s i ve.
- 4 A very short distance: a ce m et re.
- 5 Something to write with: a pe n ci l.
- 6 The last month of the year is Dece m ber.
- 7 The month after August is Se p tem ber.
- 8 The room where you sleep is the be d room.
- 9 The tenth month of the year is O c t ober.
- 10 An important test is an e x am.



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

24.2 Complete the words.



- 1 In winter we go skiing in the w i n t e r.
- 2 The hotel o p e n 2 4 h o u r s a d a y.
- 3 The road was closed yesterday because of an a c c i d e n t.
- 4 Don't forget to send me a p o s t c a r d f r o m E n g l a n d.
- 5 Shall I take my s u n g l a s s e s s o r m y m b r o m b u r s e s s o ?



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24.3 Underline the consonant groups in the middle of words in the dialogues.

- 1 A: How's your English?
B: I think I need to practise more – I have problems with making sentences, and tenses, and pronunciation, and listening, and answering questions, and conversation, and I make too many mistakes ...
A: Don't worry, it's not so bad! You're almost an expert!
- 2 A: Where's my passport?
B: I don't know. In your suitcase, maybe?
A: Where's my suitcase?
B: Upstairs, in the wardrobe.
A: Right. And where's the envelope that was on the kitchen table?
B: In the wastepaper basket – was it important?



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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

Pass me some bread.

2 price

What's the price?

3 bless

(sneeze) Bless you!

4 class

How many are there in your class?

5 glass

Where are my glasses?

6 cream

Do you like ice cream?

7 quiet

Isn't it quiet?

8 spell

How do you spell it?

9 stand

Where shall I stand?

10 swim

Can you swim?

11 stranger

I'm a stranger here.

12 stress

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.



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I don't like travelling by plane.