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Clusters in English Words

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Consonants

- Sounds produced by modification of the flow of exhaling air in the vocal tract
 - /k/ – velar [-asp, - voice] king, class
 - /g/ -- velar [-asp, + voice] great, glass
 - /p/ -- bilabial [- asp, - voice] pink, pure
 - /b/ -- bilabial [- asp, + voice] bliss, bless
- They have an inbuilt vowel sound 'a' with all of them.

Words

- Words are sequence of consonants and vowel sounds.
 - CVCVCV papa, daddy, mom
 - CVC dad, mom,
 - VCVC
 - CVV
 - CCVC glass
 - CVCC sink
- Sounds from same places of articulation do not come next to each other.
 - pb bp td
- Words only with vowels sounds
 - Eye /aai/

Consonant Clusters

- Two consonant sounds together
- Reduction of the inbuilt vowel sounds from the first one
- Not in random order

• Cluster	-	/kləstər/	CCVCCVC
• Bliss	-	/blis/	CCVC
• School	-	/skuul/	CCVC
• Scooter	-	/skutar/	CCVCVC
• Blast	-	/blast/	CCVCC

Clusters of three consonants

• Spring	/spring/	s	p	r	cccvc
• Stress	/stres/	s	t	r	cccvc
• Screw	/skrue/	s	k	r	cccvv
• Splash	/splash/	s	p	l	cccvc
• String	/string/	s	t	r	cccvc
• Scrub	/skrub/	s	k	r	cccvc

- Scream
- Scroll
- Scrutiny
- Stress
- Scrap
- Strand
- Strict
- Strip
- Spring