

## 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.

Se(p)tember

goo(d)bye

Chris(t)mas

brea(k)fast

pi(c)nic

foo(t)ball

pos(t)card

sho(p)keeper

Important  
for listening

## Exercises

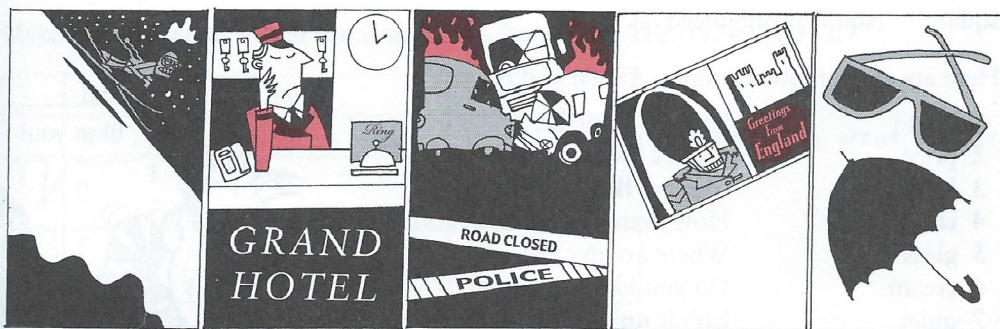
### 24.1 Complete the words.

- 1 The day after Monday is Tues day.
- 2  $37 + 13 =$  fi y
- 3 The opposite of cheap is e expensive.
- 4 A very short distance: a ce metre.
- 5 Something to write with: a pe n.
- 6 The last month of the year is Dece ber.
- 7 The month after August is Se ptember.
- 8 The room where you sleep is the be edroom.
- 9 The tenth month of the year is O ctober.
- 10 An important test is an e ssay.



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 winter.
- 2 The hotel reception is open 24 hours a day.
- 3 The road was closed yesterday because of an accident.
- 4 Don't forget to send me a postcard from England.
- 5 Shall I take my sunglasses or my umbrella?



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

### 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?



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