

25 Train in the rain

Consonant groups at the beginning of words

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.

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| 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 n l	əʊ	z p
4	f r l	aɪ	t

EXAMPLE grey, great, gate, eight

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



I don't like travelling by plane.