

## CONSONANT BLEND SOUNDS

Some consonants can simply be said together. Combinations that make new and different sounds are illustrated.

The dash shows if these blends begin (**bl-**) or end (**-ck**) a syllable, or do both (**-ch-**).

The usual letters that make this sound:

Exceptions- words with other letters that make this sound:

How this sound is made: (Click on drawing to hear.)

**bl-**

blue

**br-**

brand

**-ch-**

check

lunch

kitchen

**ck**

**cl-** (really **kl** sound)

clap

**cr-** (really **kr** sound)

cross

**-ct** (really **kt** sound)

act, neglect

**dr-**

dress

**dw-**

dwelling

**-dz**

roads, ads

**fl-**

flag

**fr-**

frog

**-ft**

lift, left

**gl-**

glad

**gr-**

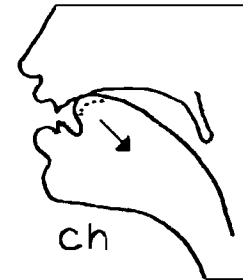
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**-gw-** (not spelled)

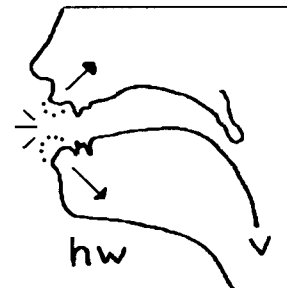
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**hw-**

wheat, white, why



note: same as j, but *unvoiced*



sound starts with pull of air

-l

W



CONSONANT BLENDS 1.  
in *le* have no *e* sound, just *l*: *table* (ta-b'l),

-l

Words ending in le have no e sound, just l: table (ta-b'l), uncle(un-k'l), handle(han-d'l), rifle (ri-f'l), bugle (bu-g'l), tickle (tic-k'le), simple (sim-p'l), puzzle (puz-z'l).

-ld

hold

-lk

milk

kl- (not spelled)

kr- (not spelled)

clap

cross

Christmas, chronology

-ks-

\*tax, text, exit, box, tuxedo, etc.

facsimile, exciting

eccentric, fiction, action (ak-shun)

\*tacks, packs, pecks, picks, pocks, pucks

-kt (not spelled)

packed, pact

-kw- (not spelled)

quarter, quit, etc.

acquire

choir

-kz- (not spelled)

taxes, mixes, boxes, /oxen, luxury

-mp

jump

-nch

lunch

-nd

and

penned (pen'd)

-ng

sing, sang, sung, song, strength

-ng'd (not spelled)

belonged, etc.

-ng-g (not spelled)

finger, (fing-ger) anger (ang-ger) hungry, youngster

-ngz (not spelled)

sings

-nk

sink, sank, sunk, honk

-nt

rent

pl-

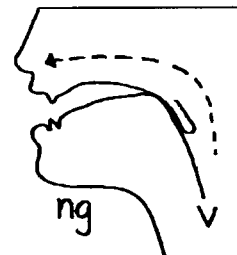
plan

pr-

prime

-pt

adopt



CONSONANT BLENDS 2.

-rb

**-rb**

curb

**-rch**

church

**-rd**

card

**-rf**

scarf

**-rj** (not spelled)

large, etc.

**-rk**

pork

**-rl**

curl

**-rm**

arm

**-rn**

earn

**-rp**

sharp

**-rs**

nurse

**-rt**

dirt

**-rth**

earth

**-rz** (not spelled)

furs

**-rv**

curve

**-rch**

march

**-rsh**

marshmallow

**-sk-** (and **sc-** followed by **a, o, u**)

scan, scout, scum

school, schedule

risk, skate, ski

/scheme, schizophrenic

**-sh-**

special, /ancient, muscian

ship

sugar, sure, /censure

wish

machine, Chicago, chef, chic

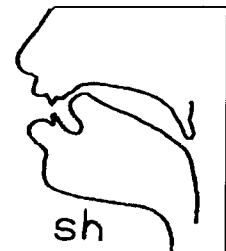
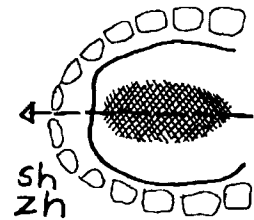
worship

nation, partial, patient

tension (ten-shun), ocean (o-shun)

/fascism, conscious

mission, tissue



note: san

**shl-**(not spelled)

/ɛ



k

CONSONANT BLENDS 3.

**shl-**(not spelled)

**shm-**(not spelled)

**shn-**(not spelled)

**shr-**

shrug

**skl-** (not spelled)

**-skr-** (not spelled)

**-sks**

desks

**skw-** (not spelled)

**sl-**

slip

**sm-**

small

**sn-**

snap

**-sp-**

spill, crisp

**spl-**

splash

**spr-**

spring

**-sps**

wasps

**-st-**

stack, first

**str-**

string

**-sts**

tests

**sw-**

swim

**-tch**

\*witch, pitcher(pit-chur)

**-th-**

thigh,with, withhold

**-th-**

the, this, that

father,

these, those

there

/schlep, schlock

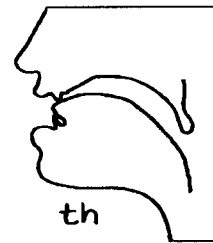
/schmooze, schmaltz, schmuck

/Schnauzer, schnapps

/sclerosis

describe, scratch

squirrel



\*which, much, rich, such

Note: this **th** sound is *unvoiced*



Note: this **th** sound is *voiced*  
CONSONANT BLENDS 4.



**thd** (not spelled)

bathed

**thr-**

three

**-ths**

tenths

**tr-**

trip

**-ts**

sits, /tsunami, tsar

**-tw-**

twins, between

**wh-** (see **hw** for explanation and picture)

wheel, why

San Juan, marijuana

**zh** (not spelled)

measure, /pleasure, leisure

vision

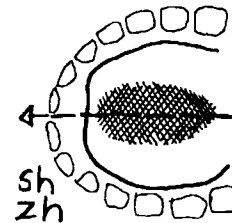
/azure

/genure

/fission



note: same as **sh**, but *voiced*



View of the tongue and teeth from the top; tongue is lower in the center and the air is pushed through this 'valley.'



CONSONANT BLENDS 5.