Speak English Group's Consonants Lesson 4

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The letter 'G' is pronounced as a 'G' or as a soft 'J'.

When an 'A', 'U', or 'O' follows the 'G', it is pronounced as 'g'. (gold, go, game, gum)

When an 'E', 'I' or 'Y' follows the 'G', it is pronounced as 'j'. (gym, general, giant)

Practice: Go get George the good geography game.

The letter 'C' is pronounced as 'S' or 'K'.

When an 'A', 'U', or 'O' follows the 'C', it is pronounced as 'K'. (car, cold, cute)

When an 'E', 'I' or 'Y' follows the 'C', it is pronounced as 'S'. (city, center, cycle)

Practice: The circus comes to the city center to calm cute children.

consonant digraphs: (th, sh, ph, ch, wh, ng)

Consonant digraphs come together to make one new sound.

examples: with, shall, phone, which, sing

Practice: Chosen cherries should shine. The cheap phone should ring.

consonant blends: A consonant blend is two or more consonants that come together (blend) but each sound is heard.

common consonant blends at the beginning of words:

S - blends: sp, sw, st, sc, sm, sk, sl (spell, stop, small)

L - blends: bl, pl, cl, gl, fl (blue, plural, class)

R - blends: br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, tr (break, cry, drop)

Practice: Slowly stop smelling the sweet steak. She's glad to play the black flute in class. Try green products from your cruel brother.

common consonant blends at the end of words:

S - blends: sk, st (last, task)

L - blends: ld, lf, lk, lp (could, wolf, walk, help)

N - blends: nd, nk, nt (and, bank, want)

other blends: ft, mp, pt, rt (camp, soft, part, accept)

Practice: The best is the last task. Could you help the wolf walk? The

champ will accept the soft part.



The sounds of P & B

EXERCISE 4-1

- 1. Big black bear sat on a big black rug
- 2. black back bat
- 3. Betty loves the velvet vest best
- 4. Barber baby bubbles and a bumblebee
- 5. Betty Botter bought some butter
 But she said the butter's bitter
 If I put it in my batter, it will make my batter bitter
 But a bit of better butter will make my batter better
 So 'twas better Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter
- 6. The poor boar pours batter over his putter

The sounds of R & L

EXERCISE # 4-2

- 1. Truly rural
- 2. Rolling red wagons
- 3. Willie's really weary
- 4. Larry lost his luck looking for lost ladder.

The sounds of M & N

EXERCISE # 4-3

- 1. Nine nice night nurses nursing nicely
- 2. Mary Mac's mother's making Mary Mac marry me. My mother's making me marry Mary Mac. Will I always be so merry when Mary's taking care of me?
- 3. Mark matched more mixed mice.
- 4. Nott was shot. If the shot Shott shot shot Nott, Nott was shot. But if the shot Shott shot Shott, then Shott was shot, not Nott. However, the shot Shott shot shot not Shott But Nott.

The sounds of S, SH & Z

EXERCISE # 4-4

- 1. She sells sea shells by the seashore. If she sells shells on the seashore, I'm sure she sells seashore shells
- 2. I saw Susie sitting in a shoeshine shop. Susie works in a shoeshine shop. Where she shines she sits, and where she sits she shines
- 3. She sees cheese
- 4. Silly Sally swiftly shooed seven silly sheep. The seven silly sheep Silly Sally shooed shilly-shallied south. These sheep shouldn't sleep in a shack; Sheep should sleep in a shed.

The sound TH

EXERCISE # 4-5

- 1. I thought I thought of thinking of thanking you.
- 2. He threw three free throws.
- 3. The thirty thousand thumbs thumbed on the thirty thousand drums.
- 4. I can think of thirty thin things, but I can think of thirty thick things too.
- 5. They thought Tim taught them to be true as they threw the sick toes think that the sink with the sick toes of those.

The sounds of V, F & W

EXERCISE #4-6

- 1. Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear. Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair. Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy.
- 2. Four fine fresh fish for you
- 3. Wayne went to wales to watch walruses.
- 4. Four furious friends fought for the phone.
- 5. If two witches would watch two watches, which witch would watch which watch?
- 6. Valuable valley villas

The sounds of CH, SH & J

EXERCISE #4-7

- 1. The witch will catch the cash to watch the wash of the sash.
- 2. I wish to wash my Irish wristwatch.
- 3. Charles choose shoes to chase chickens to church.
- 4. Chosen cherries should shine.
- 5. John joined Jill on the jumbo jet journey to Japan.

EXERCISE #4-8

Tongue Twisters are a great way to practice your pronunciation.

Record yourself and check your pronunciation with native speakers or online resources. The objective is to say the tongue twister with clear pronunciation as fast as possible without any mistakes.

- 1. The four fur shirts were too short for the walk to work, so I burned them on the lawn where bored birds are born.
- 2. Both thieving brothers thoughtfully threw their teeth through the thousandth threshold.
- 3. If you stick a stock of liquor in your locker, It's slick to stick a lock upon your stock, Or some stickler who is slicker Will stick you of your liquor If you fail to lock your liquor with a lock!
- 4. A big black bug bit the big black bear, but the big black bear bit the big black bug back.
- 5. They have left the thrift shop, and lost both their theatre tickets and the volume of valuable licenses and coupons for free theatrical frills and thrills.
- 6. Friendly Frank flips fine flapjacks
- 7. If you stick a stock of liquor in your locker, it's slick to stick a lock upon your stock, Or some stickler who is slicker, will stick you of your liquor, if you fail to lock your liquor with a lock!