

Consonant clusters 2

– end and middle of words

T A S K 1 Say past tenses



1a Listen, and repeat these verbs.

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| 1 dragged | escaped | grabbed | locked | opened | robbed |
| rushed | unlocked | | | | |
| 2 cracked | dropped | helped | jumped | knocked | smashed |
| wiped | | | | | |

1b Use the verbs to fill the gaps in the stories below. Practise them. Listen to the cassette to check.

- 1 Three masked men _____ the City Bank yesterday. When the doors were _____, they _____ in. They _____ the manager, and _____ him into the strongroom. They _____ the safe with his keys. Then they _____ the manager in, and _____ with £30,000.
- 2 When I _____ at the door, he _____, and _____ three eggs on the floor. Of course, they _____. I _____ him as he _____ up the mess. His glasses fell on the floor. The glass _____.

T A S K 2 Say final clusters



2.1 Listen, and repeat these phrases. Notice that both words are stressed, but the first word has the stronger stress.

SPORTS shirts MATHS books BOOKshelves
 READING lamp POSTcards TENNIS shorts



2.2a Listen, and practise this conversation between a young man and his mother. She repeats what he says, while she thinks about it. Notice how her voice rises.

- A: Have you seen my sports shirts?
 B: Your ~~sports shirts~~? They're being washed.
 A: Have you moved my maths books?
 B: Your ~~maths books~~? They're on the bookshelves.
 A: Have you taken my reading lamp?
 B: Your ~~reading lamp~~? No, it's on the desk.
 A: Can I borrow some postcards?
 B: ~~Postcards~~? All right. They're in the drawer, with the envelopes.
 A: Will you iron my tennis shorts?
 B: Your ~~tennis shorts~~? No, you can iron them yourself!

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2.2b Practise the conversation again. This time, don't look at the text. The pictures below will remind you what A is looking for.



T A S K 3 Say /t/or /d/ followed by /n/

oo

3a Listen, and practise this conversation in a department store. Notice the intonation of A's polite phrases.

A: Excuse me, I'm looking for some sewing cotton.

B: Pardon?

A: I'm looking for some sewing cotton. Can you tell me which department I need?

B: I'm not certain.

A: Well, is it Fashion or Haberdashery?

B: I don't know. You'd better ask an assistant.

A: I beg your pardon. I thought you were an assistant.

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3b Make similar conversations, using the Store Directory below. Ask for these things.

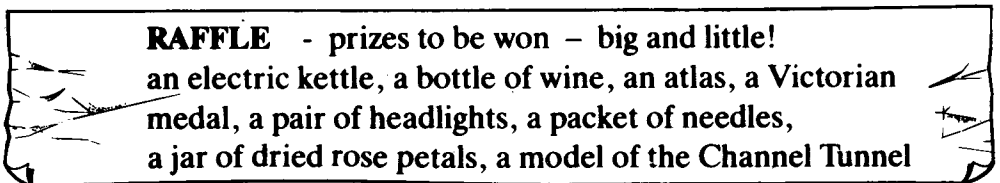
curtains wooden bowls garden furniture buttons

<p><u>Ground floor</u></p> <p>Fashion Haberdashery Soft Furnishing</p>	<p><u>Basement</u></p> <p>Kitchenware Furniture Garden Equipment</p>
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T A S K 4 Say /t, d/ or /n/ followed by /l/


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4a Listen and read out this notice.



4b Which things would you like to win? Which would you not like? List them in order of preference. Read out your list.

T A S K 5 Say clusters


-  **5a** Listen, and practise these instructions for Keep Fit exercises.

Stand with your back straight, and feet a little way apart. Your toes should be pointing to the front. Swing your arms up. Keep them straight. Stretch up, with your hands high up above your head. And relax.

Put the backs of your hands on your ribs, just above the waist. Feel your ribs move outwards as you breathe in. Take a deep breath, hold it, and breathe out.

Put your hands by your sides. Circle your head. This helps to relax the neck. Put your head down in front. Turn it to the right. Now let your head drop back. And round to the left. And in front again.

Put your hands on your hips. Bend to the side – first left then right. And rest!

-  **5b** In groups, one student reads out the instructions. The others do the exercises!

T A S K 6 Say longer clusters of consonants

-  **6a** Listen, and practise.

Last Sunday, I had a strange dream. I was walking up a long street. I came into a small square, with a fountain. There was a big church. A bride was standing outside, in a beautiful wedding dress. Suddenly there was a loud cry from a tall building opposite. The bridegroom was looking out of a window on the fifth floor. He jumped into the fountain, with a big splash. Then I woke up.

-  **6b** Listen, and repeat these false statements about the dream in 6a.

She was walking over a wide bridge.

She came into a small street.

A bride was standing outside a small cottage.

There was a loud cry from the church.

The bridegroom was on the roof of the tall building.

He jumped through the window of the big church.

Now say each of the statements correctly. Use stress and intonation to emphasise the correct facts.