

## Consonant clusters

It's about the sound not the letters, for example "-ight" isn't really a consonant cluster as the letters together make one sound.

Where there are two words together in a sentence, the sound of one consonant can disappear if it is repeated, for example "first time" becomes "firs' time". BUT always pronounce the 's' at the end of a word (unless the word is French, but these are rare). It is usually important to show plural or possession.

Some examples:

Beginning of a word	Middle of a word	End of a word
street splash screen square stew  thread* only 2 sounds!	entrance camping extra reply windy	lunch lamp film month bank

These two are difficult for everybody:

TWELFTH

STRENGTH

Here is a useful webpage with lots and lots of examples:

<http://usefulelenglish.ru/phonetics/practice-consonant-clusters>

Practicing these tongue twisters will help:

"The sixth twisty crisp"

"He asked whether desks were used in the tests"