***CONSONANT CLUSTER***

 This is a group of consonants occurring one after the other, i.e. following each other without any vowel in their middle. In the English language, it is possible to have up to three consonants occurring in the beginning of a spoken word, and up to four consonants occurring at the end. E.g. scribe/skraib/, street/stri:t/, exempts/igzempts/, next/nekst/.

 ***Note the following:***

1. Do not say /riks/ instead of /risk/(risk).

2. Do not say/sipirit/ instead of /spirit/(spirit).

3. There is cluster in words with /j/ and /w/ as in news/nju:z/,penguin/pengwin/,cube/kju:b/,suite/swi:t/,e.t.c.

***Examples of words with two or three consonants initial cluster:***

Two Three

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spin straw

flow sprout

black scribe

fright script

pray scream

***Examples of words with two, three and four end consonant clusters:***

 Two Three Four

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cyst lifts wrinkles

moved months texts

begged cleansed attempts

pact rents bangles

 ***WORD BOUNDARIES***

 E.g.

a) flat rate

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b) world cup

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c) trash can

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d) French test

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e) canned food

***ASSIGNMENT:***

Write the following words in the correct table: sky, jar, bee, tray, straight, fly, pneumonia, shrink, crabs, juice, horse, suite, choir, scratch, Britain.

One initial ! Two initial ! Three initial

consonant ! consonants! consonants

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