

Consonant clusters in IELTS Listening gapfill answers

Without looking below, listen to your teacher say an answer from a Listening gapfill task and race to hold up the right card depending on how many syllables you think they said.

In groups of three or four, take turns testing each other in the same way, with only the person reading out the words allowed to look at the list below at that time.

When your teacher stops the game, look at the full list below and ask about any words you don't understand, think could also be a different number of syllables, etc.

Consonant clusters classification

Without any help, mark each word on the following page with its syllables. Your teacher will tell you if you should also mark the most strongly stressed syllable with a larger mark.

Check as a class or with the first worksheet.

Consonant clusters error correction task

Without any help, rewrite any lines on the following page that are not spelt the right way (for example because the candidate has misheard the consonant cluster).

Check as a class, with the first worksheet, or with the suggested answers.

Change groups. Test each other on the same or other similar words you know by:

- playing the same holding up cards game
- saying a word and seeing if your partner can write it down and/ or spell it
- showing your partner a word to see if they can say it with the right number of syllables
- saying a word and seeing if your partner can put it into a suitable example sentence
- saying a word with too many syllables and seeing if your partner can repeat it back with the correct number of syllables
- saying a consonant cluster (e.g. "Cl" or "C, L") and seeing how many words your partner can think of and pronounce correctly with those sounds together in them

Cards to hold up

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● backed ● blind ● boxed ● brakes ● cliffs ● climbs ● clips ● closed ● clothes ● clouds ● clubs ● curved ● discs ● drinks ● dusts ● flags ● gloves ● groups ● growth ● guessed ● hands ● lamps ● missed ● months ● nests ● roads ● roots ● seeds ● shops ● sides ● slides ● socks ● soft ● sounds ● stamps ● stones ● suits ● tasks ● taxed ● thinks ● three ● wings ● wives ● worst 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● blackened ● branches ● breathing ● bridges ● brother ● clapping ● classes ● cleaner ● climate ● clothing ● complex ● concerts ● contacts ● dampened ● demand ● discount ● effects ● flooring ● fridges ● friendship ● glasses ● global ● grammar ● granted ● graphics ● insects ● intact ● islands ● laptops ● nearest ● oceans ● patients ● planted ● plated ● pregnant ● profits ● programmes ● reserves ● respects ● screening ● themselves ● thousands ● trusted ● unlocked ● visions

Consonant clusters classification

Mark each word below with its syllables.

backed		blackened	
	blind		boxed
brakes		branches	
	breathing		bridges
brother		clapping	
	classes		cleaner
cliffs		climate	
	climbs		clips
closed		clothes	
	clothing		clouds
clubs		complex	
	concerts		contacts
curved		dampened	
	demand		discount
discs		drinks	
	dusts		effects
flags		flooring	
	fridges		friendship
glasses		global	
	gloves		grammar
granted		graphics	
	groups		growth
guessed		hands	
	insects		intact
islands		lamps	
	laptops		missed
months		nearest	
	nests		oceans
patients		planted	
	plated		pregnant
profits		programmes	
	reserves		respects
roads		roots	
	screening		seeds
shops		sides	
	slides		socks
soft		sounds	
	stamps		stones
suits		tasks	
	taxed		themselves
thinks		thousands	
	three		trusted
unlocked		visions	
	wings		wives
worst			



Consonant clusters error correction task

Without looking above, rewrite any lines below that are not spelt the right way.

fully backt		blackened tooths	
han brakes	brind soccer	turee branches	box tup
half brother	heavy boreathing	loud claping	iron blidges
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half crossed	climes up	spare cloths	video culips
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carved line	flee concerts	dampend cloth	business contacks
compact discs	consumer demander	soff drinks	dis-count shop
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grahnted relief	leather gluves	guraphics chip	grammer book
instantly guest	rock grups	full hans	boost gorowth
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Suggested corrections

Other changes are possible, so please check if you made different changes.

fully backed		blackened teeth	
hand brakes	blind soccer	tree branches	boxed up
half brother	heavy breathing	loud clapping	iron bridges
white cliffs	English classes	climate change	dry cleaner
half closed	climbs up	spare clothes	video clips
seven of clubs	dry clothing	complex maths	rain clouds
curved line	free concerts	dampened cloth	business contacts
compact discs	consumer demand	soft drinks	discount shop
raise flags	grey dust	wooden flooring	special effects
sunglasses	fridge freezer	global issue	friendship bracelet
granted relief	leather gloves	graphics chip	grammar book
instantly guessed	rock groups	full hands	boost growth
desert islands	deadly insects	desk lamps	intact antique
six months	Windows laptops	nearest store	missed target
outpatients	bird nests	houseplants	seven oceans
net profits	gold-plated	official programmes	pregnant cow
country roads	oil reserves	tree roots	in some respects
local shops	security screening	both sides	dry seeds
software	presentation slides	sounds like	winter socks
swimsuits	foreign stamps	hard tasks	rolling stones
thinks up	highly taxed	thousands of	for themselves
unlocked door	three men	realistic visions	trusted source
worst time	feathered wings		ex-wives