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**Consonant Specificities**

Most English consonants cluster initially and finally

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*** means that cluster is not possible

**OBSTRUENTS**

 **INITIAL CLUSTER FINAL CLUSTER EXAMPLES**

**/p,b /** /plei / , /blu:/ / houpt// robd / ( play, blue, hoped,robbed)

**/t,d /** / trai /, / drai /, /kæts / , / bedz / ( try,dry , cats,beds,)

**/ k,g /** / krai / ; / grei / /maiks / / hʌgz / ( cry,grey,makes,hugs)

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**/f, v /** / frai / /vju: / / la:ft , li:vz / ( fry, view, laughed, leaves )

**/θ ; ð/ /** θri : /\*\*\*\*\*\*\* /baθ/ / bei**ðz /** ( three,\*\*\*\*\*\*, baths, bathes)

**/ s,z /** / / sprei /\*\*\*\*\* / hi:ts / ,/ begs / ( spray,\*\*\*\*\*\* heats, begs )

**/ /ʃ, ʒ/,** / ʃrink / \*\*\*\*\* / \*\*\*\*\*,\*\*\*\*\* ( shrink )\*\*\*\*,\*\*\*\*\*,\*\*\*\*\*

**Note** :/ʒ / is **never used** initially and finally . Except for French words like rouge, beige, reportage, it is **always** produced / **dʒ / in English. Ex job, jail giraffe, huge,** arrange, image ……….

**//tʃ,dʒ** / / tʃu:z/ ; / dʒeil / /ti:tʃ/ / hju:dʒ/ (choose, jail, teach, huge )

**SONORANTS**

**/ m / / smail /, / mju:t / , /** raimz/, (smile , mute , rimes )

/ n / /snou / ; / nju : / , / penz / ( smile, new, pens )

**/ ŋ /** \*\*\*\*\*\*, / siŋz / (\*\*\*\*\*\*\*, sings )

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**/ l /** /pli:z /, /kleimz / / billz /, / kilt / ( please, claims, bills, kilt )

**/ r /** / krai /, brait / \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* ( cry, bright )\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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**/ w /** / swi:t / , / twinz / \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* ( sweet, twins )\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**/ j /** / tju:b /, / sju: / \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* ( tube, sue ) \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

 **Minimal Pairs**

**Sounds make a minimal pair when they share two features in common that make them sound almost alike . The feature that is different is, in most cases the voice feature .**

The two feature that are common to the pair of sounds is **P** ( place of articulation and **M** ( (manner of articulation.

The sounds that make a minimal pairs are **only** obstruent sounds.

**Stops or Plosives : / p,b /, / t,d /, / k,g /,**

**Fricatives** : / f,v /, / **/θ ; ð/ , / s,z /; /ʃ, ʒ/,**

**Affricates**  : / tr /, / dr /, / t**ʃ , dʒ /**