

# English Phonetics and Phonology

## A practical course

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### Chapter 8

#### Written Exercise

Fill in the gaps in the sentences.

- 1 The study of phoneme sequences is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 A group of consonants at the beginning or end of a syllable is called a consonant \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 When there are three consonants at the beginning of a syllable, the first consonant must be \_\_\_\_\_ and the third will be one of four consonants \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 In the three-consonant sequences at the beginning of a syllable like 'spray' spreɪ we say that the s consonant is in \_\_\_\_\_ position, the p consonant is in \_\_\_\_\_ position and the r consonant is in \_\_\_\_\_ position.
- 5 In deciding on how to divide words into syllables, the principle that favours attaching as many consonants as possible to the right-hand syllable is called the \_\_\_\_\_ principle.
- 6 In a three-consonant sequence at the end of a syllable, such as 'banks' bæŋks we say that the ŋ is in \_\_\_\_\_ position, the k in \_\_\_\_\_ position and the s in \_\_\_\_\_ position.
- 7 The phoneme sequence ɲɔ:l could not possibly be an English word. True or false? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 The phoneme sequence krelpt could not possibly be an English word. True or false? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 The phoneme sequence hɒŋ could not possibly be an English word. True or false? \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 The phoneme sequence stru could not possibly be an English word. True or false? \_\_\_\_\_.

Check Answers

Start Again

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## Answers to Written Exercise Chapter 8

- 1 phonotactics
- 2 cluster
- 3 s l r w j
- 4 pre-initial initial post-initial
- 5 maximal onsets
- 6 pre-final final post-final
- 7 true
- 8 false
- 9 false
- 10 true

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### Audio Exercises

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- A The words in the following list all begin with one or more consonants. Listen to the word, then choose from the drop-down menu the number of consonant phonemes you heard.

1 

2 

3 

4 

5 

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- B The words in this list all end in one or more consonants. Listen to the word, then choose from the drop-down menu the number of consonant phonemes you heard at the end of the word.

1 

2 

3 

4 

5 

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## Answers to Audio Exercises Chapter 8

(A)

1	2	glass	glɑ:s
2	3	scrape	skreɪp
3	1	shoe	ʃu:
4	2	stick	stɪk
5	3	sprang	spræŋ

(B)

1	2	last	lɑ:st
2	3	risked	rɪskt
3	2	don't	dəʊnt
4	4	twelfths	twelfθs
5	3	crisps	kɪsps