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If the first syllable of the word in question begins with a **vowel** (any vowel may occur, though u is rare) we say that this initial syllable has a **zero onset**.

One consonant Syllable: If the syllable begins with **one consonant**, that initial consonant may be any consonant phoneme except N; Z is rare.

Two-consonant syllables. When we have **two** or **more** consonants together we call them a **consonant cluster**.

Initial two-consonant clusters are of two sorts in English:

One sort is composed of **s** followed by one of a **small set of consonants**; examples of such clusters are found in words such as 'sting' stɪŋ, 'sway' sweɪ, 'smoke' sməʊk. The **s** in these clusters is called the **pre-initial consonant** and the other consonant (t, w, m in the above examples) the **initial consonant**. These clusters are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 Two-consonant clusters with pre-initial s

Pre-initial s followed by:

									INITIAL								
p	t	k	b	d	g	f	θ	s	ʃ	h	v	ð	z	ʒ	m	n	ŋ
spin	stɪk	skɪn	-	-	-	sfɪə	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	smel	snəʊ	-

The other sort begins with one of a set of about fifteen consonants, followed by one of the set l, r, w, j as in, for example, 'play' plei, 'try' trai, 'quick' kwik, 'few' fju:. We call the first consonant of these clusters the **initial consonant** and the second the **post-initial**. There are some restrictions on which consonants can occur together. This can best be shown in table form, as in Table 3.

Table 3 Two-consonant clusters with post-initial l, r, w, j

	p	t	k	b	d	g	f	θ	s	ʃ	h	v	ð	z	ʒ	m	n	ŋ	l	r	w	j
POST-INITIAL	l	plei	-	klei	blæk	-	glu:	flai	-	slip	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	r	prei	trei	krai	brɪŋ	dri:p	grɪn	frai	θrəʊ	ʔ ¹	fru:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	w	-	twin	kwik	-	dwel	ʔ ²	-	θwɔ:t	swim	ʔ ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	j	pjɔ:	tju:n	kju:	bju:ti	dju:	ʔ ⁴	fju:	ʔ ⁵	sju:	-	hju:dʒ	vju:	-	-	-	mju:z	nju:z	-	lju:d	-	-

Initial three-consonant clusters: Examples of three consonant initial clusters are: 'split' split, 'stream' stri:m, 'square' skwe@. The **s** is the **pre-initial consonant**, the p, t, k that follow **s** in the three example words are the **initial consonant** and the l, r, w are **post-initial**. In fact, the number of possible initial three-consonant clusters is quite small and they can be set out in full (words given in spelling form):

		POST-INITIAL			
		l	r	w	j
s plus initial	P	'splay'	'spray'	-	'spew'
	T	-	'string'	-	'stew'
	k	'sclerosis'	'screen'	'squeak'	'skewer'