

Varied Fluency

Step 2: What is a Consonant?

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (3G1.8) Use the forms a or an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel [for example, a rock, an open box]

Terminology for pupils:

- (3G1.8) consonant
- (3G1.8) consonant letter

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support understanding and recognising consonants using 3 or 4 letter words including words from the Year 2 Spelling Appendix.

Expected Questions to support understanding and recognising consonants using 5 or 6 letter words including some words from the Year 2 or the Year 3 and 4 Spelling Appendix.

Greater Depth Questions to support understanding and recognising consonants using words from the Year 3 and 4 Spelling Appendix.

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What is a Consonant?

1a. Complete the words using the consonants below. Use the pictures for support.

_ast	e_e_
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p	v	b	n
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6	8	10



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What is a Consonant?

1b. Complete the words using the consonants below. Use the pictures for support.

_a_e	_ry
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l	k	c	b
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2a. Circle the letters which are consonants.

d w u
a s g



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2b. Circle the letters which are consonants.

e i v
r x l



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3a. Match the pairs of words that contain the same underlined consonant sound.

cell call
key ssmiss



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3b. Match the pairs of words that contain the same underlined consonant sound.

gem join
jog gnaw



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4a. Sort the words below into groups to show whether they have 2 or 3 consonants in them.

wrap	edge	race
want	talk	war
hear	two	blue



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4b. Sort the words below into groups to show whether they have 2 or 3 consonants in them.

fell	hour	word
here	bear	call
blew	made	huge



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5a. Complete the words using the consonants below.

c _ ar _	_ lai _
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h	p	t	n
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5b. Complete the words using the consonants below.

_ _ eak	p _ a _ e
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b	l	r	c
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6a. Circle the letters which are consonants.

f p e b
m a k i



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6b. Circle the letters which are consonants.

c i t j
n z o h



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7a. Match the pairs of words that contain the same underlined consonant sound.

phone climb giant
school jacket fresh



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7b. Match the pairs of words that contain the same underlined consonant sound.

kitten shelf water
where check chefs



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8a. Sort the words below into groups to show whether they have 2, 3 or 4 consonants in them.

break	jigsaw	medal
plane	throw	scrap
again	groan	peace



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8b. Sort the words below into groups to show whether they have 2, 3 or 4 consonants in them.

climb	about	build
plant	piece	appear
behind	class	group



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9a. Complete the words using the consonants below. You can use the consonant more than once.

i__e__tion	__a__ou__
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n	v	m	f	s
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9b. Complete the words using the consonants below. You can use the consonant more than once.

__oun__e	__i__ture
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b	x	c	f	m
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10a. Circle the letters which are consonants.

x gn ea s wh
oi sh th ai ng



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10b. Circle the letters which are consonants.

k ch au ie kn
ph ar wr z ou



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11a. Match the pairs of words that contain the same underlined consonant sound.

science circle mission
unique brochure chemist



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11b. Match the pairs of words that contain the same underlined consonant sound.

Egypt gnarled tongue
knotted vigorous jealous



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12a. Sort the words below into groups to show whether they have 2, 3, 4 or 5 consonants in them.

disobey	country	echo
scene	nature	refresh
gently	various	usually



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12b. Sort the words below into groups to show whether they have 2, 3, 4 or 5 consonants in them.

division	illegal	obvious
angrily	redo	measure
league	whether	prefer



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Developing

- 1a. past; even
2a. d; w; s; g
3a. cell and miss; call and key
4a. 2 consonants: edge; race; war; hear;
two; blue. 3 consonants: wrap; want; talk

Expected

- 5a. chart; plain
6a. f; p; b; m; k
7a. phone and fresh; climb and school;
giant and jacket
8a. 2 consonants: again; peace. 3
consonants: break; medal; plane; groan. 4
consonants: jigsaw; throw; scrap.

Greater Depth

- 9a. invention; famous
10a. x; gn; s; wh; sh; th; ng
11a. science and circle; mission and
brochure; unique and chemist
12a. 2 consonants: echo. 3 consonants:
scene; nature; various. 4 consonants:
disobey; usually. 5 consonants: gently;
country; refresh.

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Developing

- 1b. lake; cry
2b. v; r; x; l
3b. gem and jog; join and gnaw
4b. 2 consonants: hour; here; bear; made;
huge. 3 consonants: fell; word; call; blew.

Expected

- 5b. break; place
6b. c; t; j; n; z; h
7b. kitten and check; shelf and chefs;
water and where
8b. 2 consonants: about; piece. 3
consonants: build; appear; group. 4
consonants: climb; plant; behind; class.

Greater Depth

- 9b. bounce; fixture or mixture
10b. k; ch; kn; ph; wr; z
11b. Egypt and jealous; gnarled and
knotted; tongue and vigorous
12b. 2 consonants: redo; league. 3
consonants: obvious; measure. 4
consonants: illegal; division; prefer. 5
consonants: angrily; whether.