

A14. Phonotactics

Aim: revise possible and impossible sound combinations in English, especially syllable-initial and syllable-final clusters.

Activity 1. Possible or impossible English-like words?

Item	Possible in English?	Reason
blick		
ngat		
splen		
tlap		
frane		
bnick		
skrane		

Activity 2. Cluster sorting.

Cluster	Initial / Final / Both / Impossible in English
/st/	
/ŋ/	
/spl/	
/mp/	
/tl/	
/str/	

Activity 3. Create English-like words.

Create 4 possible invented English words and 3 impossible invented English words. Explain the phonotactic reason for each impossible word.

Activity 4. Repair the impossible forms.

Impossible form	Make it more English-like	What changed?
ngat		
tlip		
bnake		
ptar		