

#### 4. Consonant Sequences

When there are two or three or four consonants with no vowel between them such a sequence is called consonant sequences or consonant cluster.

**Consonant Sequences** are of three types: initial sequences, medial, and final sequences.

##### - Initial Sequences

At the beginning of English words, there may be either two or three consonants in sequence.

##### 1- Sequences of two consonant initially

These are of two types:

1- When /s/ followed by one of / p, t, k, f, m, n, w, j /. For example, spy-stay-sky-sphere-small-snow-sleep-swear-suit.

/s/+w/= swear

Give example of two initial consonant sequence start with (s+ p)

2-One of / p, t, k, b, d, g, f, ʃ, θ, v, m, n, g / followed by one of /l, r, w, j/.

/p/ followed by /l, r, j / as in ( plat-pray-pure)

/t/ followed by /r, w, j/ as in ( try-twice-tune)

/k/ followed by / l, r, w, j/ as in ( climb-cry- quite-cure)

/b/ followed by /l, r, j/ as in (blow-bread-beauty).

/d/ followed by /r, w, j/ as in (dress- dwell-duty)

/g/ followed by /l, r/ as in (glass-green)

/f/ followed by /l, r, j/ as in (fly-from-few)

/ θ / followed by /r, w / throw, thwart

/ʃ/ followed by /r/ shriek

/v/ followed by /j/ view

/m/ followed by /j/ as in music

/n/ followed by /j/ new

**/h/ followed by /j/ huge**

**Sequences of three consonants initially**

**They include / spr , str , skr ,spj , stj , skj, skw/ .**

They are a combination of /sp/ type sequence and /pr/ type. The /s/ at the beginning is cut off by the following stop , and during the following consonant is fully prepared. Examples:

spread-straight-stupid-square-spurious