POSSIBLE CONSONANT

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ESL students and teachers whose native languages contain very few consonants and no cons(these combinations. As this chart shows, consonant clusters in English are highly structure without too much diffiuclty.

(1)   ǰ ẓ č ǰ 0 t d k

(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

(6)   š+

(7) s+

(y, r)

(y, r, w

1. Any one of these consonants may appear before the vowel.

2. Any one of these consonants plus r may appear before the vowel.

3. Any one of these consonants plus l may appear before the vowel.

4. Any of these consonants plus y may appear before the vowel.

5. Any of these consonants plus w may appear before the vowel.

6. š plus any of these consonants may appear before the vowel.

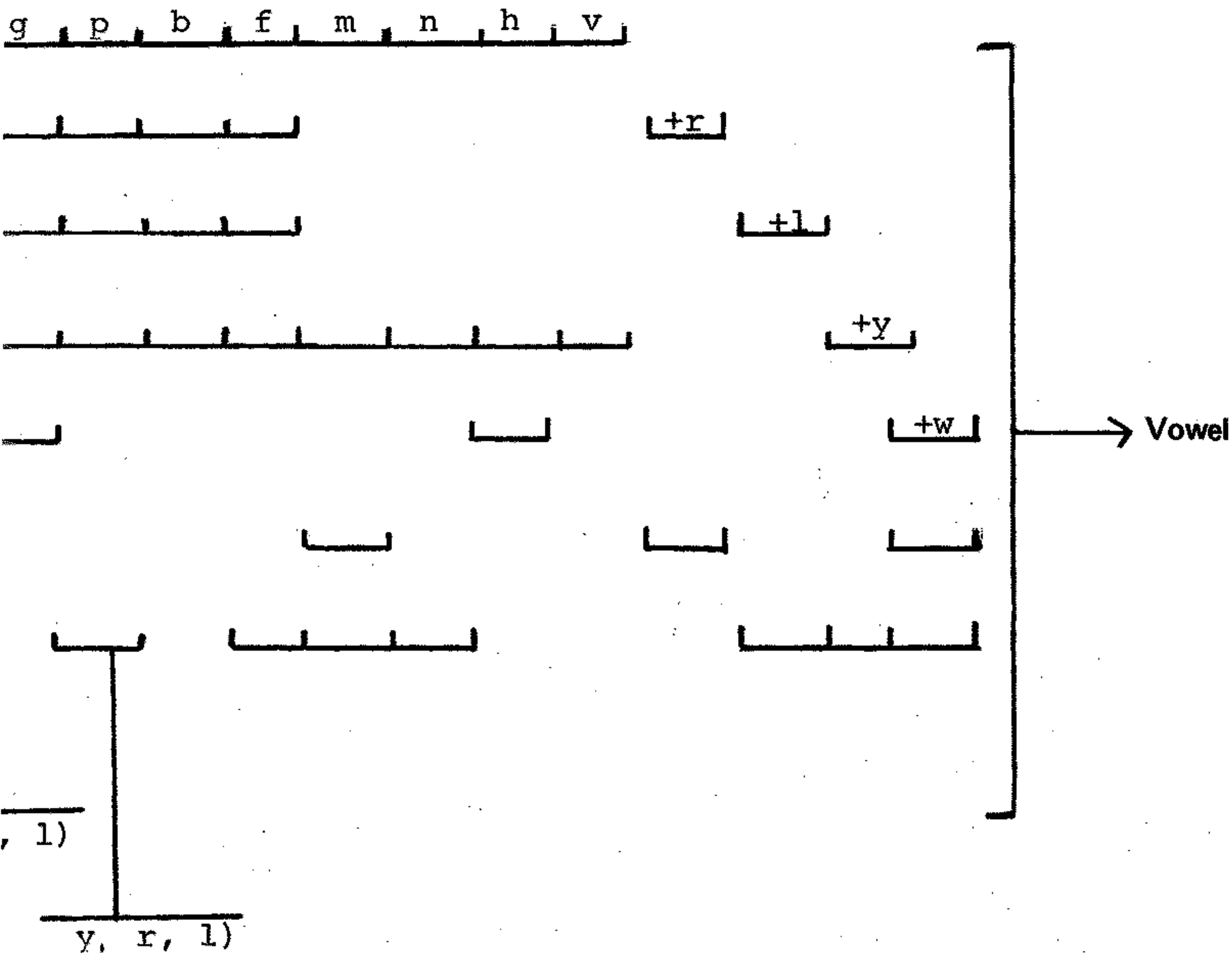7. s plus any of these consonants, plus one of the consonants in () [when attach

CLUSTERS IN ENGLISH (INITIAL)

>nant clusters feel that learning these in English is an almost impossible task because of the multiplicity of
:d and extremely limited. Oral practice on a few specific combinations   should help a student master these

g , p , b , f , m , n , h , v ,

+r

+l

+y

+w ────→ Vowel

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y, r, 1)

ed below] may appear before the vowel.   *This chart is based on studies by C.C. Fries and B.L. Whorf.*