

Once a consonant, always a consonant

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- ▶ *Glenelg* glenelg (village in Scotland)




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6.  unstressed syllables may contain ə i u, as well as əw ij uw

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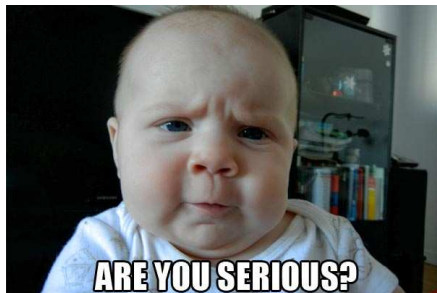
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47777	s	6970	k	2004	bl	506	θ	10	sv	13	sbj
41920	m	6167	s	1883	kw	501	sl	9	sf	12	ʃm
36991	w	5748	m	1790	tw	431	sdr	8	dw	12	sgl
36961	r	5609	d	1700	θr	363	sw	7	ʃj	11	θj
33043	k	5457	r	1603	vj	360	gl	6	ʃn	11	pw
32401	l	5262	p	1321	sl	357	z	6	lj	9	θw
30929	t	4677	b	1161	dj	312	sn	6	hw	8	ts
30140	p	3740	h	1159	dr	275	nj	5	dv	8	ʃw
25080	b	3470	l	1059	sw	231	sm	4	bw	8	ʃn
24819	h	3343	t	1036	sm	220	sgr	3	ʃw	8	ʃl
20824	d	3178	f	975	z	171	θr	3	sj	6	zw
19165	n	2851	w	794	fl	146	sgw	2	sgl	6	vl
18998	f	1966	n	691	mj	143	tw	2	sgj	6	ʃd
17282	j	1910	pr	597	hj	135	θw	1	θw	5	sv
14041	ð	1828	g	572	gl	132	mj	1	zl	5	sr
13706	pr	1571	v	543	sn	127	sbr	1	vr	5	ʃb
13197	ɔ̃	1492	ɔ̃	438	ʃj	122	kj	1	sbj	5	hw
10065	sd	1411	sd	435	sdj	115	pj	1	ʃb	4	kn
9858	v	1267	tr	388	kj	104	tj	1	ʃm	3	vr
9034	ʃ	1217	ʃ	370	sgr	99	ʃj	1	zw	3	ʃbr
8499	g	1067	kr	367	tj	98	hj	1	ʃv	3	dv
7551	tr	966	br	307	sgw	89	ʃr	1	ts	3	bw
4709	sb	921	ʃj	255	sbr	73	sbl	<1	km	2	zl
4147	pl	839	gr	228	bj	70	bj	<1	kn	2	zj
4068	fr	799	kl	192	sbl	62	ð	<1	tb	2	tsw
3928	br	791	sb	145	pj	44	gw	<1	mw	2	ʃv
3850	ʃj	766	sg	133	gw	43	sdj	<1	vw	2	mw
3811	kl	756	j	79	ʃr	37	z	<1	nd	2	gj
3392	nj	674	fl	56	vl	26	dw	<1	gj	1	zw
2902	sg	653	fr	54	pw	23	sf	<1	ʃl	1	vw
2830	gr	628	bl	23	sr	20	sgj	<1	blw	1	tm
2704	θ	588	pl	21	z	15	lj	<1	zw	1	tl
2531	kr	547	kw	16	θj	14	vj	<1			

... 17 clusters omitted

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165562080368	P	30102	P
142801490792	V	17581	V
79092425957	J	8934	PL
69374654803	L	8928	L
61084833083	N	7780	S
57807335852	S	7714	N
45601198930	F	7347	J
42237193988	PL	5317	F
17689133103	SP	2980	SP
6618192587	FL	1507	FL
6161065718	PJ	1322	PJ
4083597222	NJ	866	SPL
3116320127	SPL	605	SL
2058038199	FJ	563	SN
1585436280	SN	410	NJ
1424118966	SL	395	SJ
1071829312	SJ	222	SPJ
744568290	SPJ	135	FJ
602983282	JJ	103	JJ
20042436	SF	30	SF
6241930	LJ	15	LJ
5251250	PF	11	PS
956472	PN	7	PN
585599	PS	4	PF
380000	PP	2	PSJ
248960	NP	2	PLJ
216800	PLJ	2	NP
52140	PSJ	1	SNJ
25800	NPL	1	SFL
20700	SNJ	1	PP
3870	SFL	1	NPL

Plosive (p t tʃ k b d ɸ g),
 nonstrident Fricative (f θ v ð),
 Strident fricative (s ʃ z ʒ),
 Nasal (m n),
 Liquid (l r),
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283	wɸ	48	hɔ̯	97	wg	26	lvz	44	wldz	15	wɸd	12	ldz	9	hnsd
281	nθs	47	wndz	96	wf	26	jb	44	jlsd	15	vd	11	hfdz	8	sb
270	nɸ	47	lf	96	jndz	25	sgz	40	jkd	15	hps	10	hðz	8	mf
259	wð	47	hmd	92	hg	25	ɲd	39	lmz	14	wvd	10	ɲθs	8	jnθs
258	jps	47	hkd	88	hntɸ	25	nɸd	38	jbd	14	wg	10	dsd	8	jgz
246	sg	44	hsdz	86	mps	25	jsdz	36	hzd	14	wðd	10	jɸ	8	hsb
239	wndɔ̯	44	hnt	86	lv	25	jɸ	35	jɸd	14	lvd	10	nɔ̯d	8	hpd
235	jvd	43	jθ	85	vd	25	jldz	35	sgz	14	lks	10	sb	8	dsd
231	gd	43	hɸ	82	hsgd	25	jɔ̯d	33	lpd	14	jbd	9	wɜ	7	wbd
219	jmd	42	hfs	82	hb	25	jð	32	hɸ	14	hɸ	8	ɲsd	7	tθ
210	jθ	41	wb	79	tθ	25	hvz	32	mpdz	13	wɸ	8	hlt	7	sbz
208	jg	41	jkd	79	θs	24	wðz	27	mf	13	wð	7	hθs	7	ɲθ
188	hɜ	40	jnts	78	mpd	24	hnts	27	wns	13	lp	7	ɲd	7	lθ
178	wsdz	39	nɔ̯	76	wvz	23	wlt	26	lmd	13	jðd	7	jnθ	7	lɸ
166	wnts	37	jpd	75	lk	23	wbz	25	wkd	13	jɸd	6	wɸd	7	lpd
159	ɲθ	37	bd	68	hɔ̯d	23	hɔ̯d	24	pθ	13	hsgz	6	hmθ	7	jɜ
158	ɔ̯d	35	jɸ	67	wks	22	wkd	24	fs	13	hntɸ	6	psd	6	zd
157	wps	35	hɜ	67	hnsd	22	lk	24	hldz	12	nθs	6	ln	6	wθs
149	ls	35	hns	67	hfd	22	jbz	23	ksθ	12	ls	5	jlt	6	wgz
149	wvd	34	wɸ	65	hfs	22	hvd	23	jbz	12	jnɔ̯d	5	lb	6	sgd
148	wndz	32	hv	61	hp	21	lv	21	hndz	11	wnsd	5	jtθ	6	psd
134	pdz	32	hb	60	jpd	21	hfdz	21	jfs	11	wns	4	wfs	6	ln
133	lvz	31	wldz	57	lps	20	nɔ̯d	19	jgz	11	wlts	4	wlts	6	lkd
133	jnts	29	pdz	57	hvz	20	hbz	19	hbz	11	ldz	4	wɸ	6	lfs
130	ɸd	29	nθ	55	fdz	19	wfs	18	wpd	11	jnθ	4	lɔ̯	6	jgd
125	hmd	28	wpd	54	hsdz	18	hsg	17	hɸd	11	hbd	4	hbd	6	hsgd
122	hv	28	wnt	52	wlt	18	hðz	16	fθ	11	ð	3	sbz	6	hndz
122	lɸ	28	jnɔ̯	49	hsgz	17	wnts	15	jɜ	10	wɜ	3	hsb	6	hgz
121	jɔ̯d	28	jg	48	jnɔ̯d	17	lm	15	lɸ	10	wfd	3	hpd	5	tθs
118	hsg	28	jfs	47	hnts	17	jndz	14	wmd	10	lps	3	jðd	5	ɲθs
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107	wɔ̯	26	wvz	46	wðz	16	hɸd	13	ksdz	9	lɸ	1	jgd	5	lɔ̯
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144630698175	J	16036	N	1133547777	PPS	317	JPP	23800000	PSF	8	NPPS
89445000095	N	14613	J	1030640332	JFP	252	FS	16800000	FF	8	JNFS
73270983800	P	9750	P	793043353	SPS	225	JFP	14350600	JNF	6	PFS
60011218135	V	9584	S	787880153	FP	171	PPS	13203400	PSPS	6	LSP
51077431592	JP	8594	V	784956608	JFS	151	JNPS	11448168	JFPS	5	JPSP
46051781078	S	5734	JP	743749964	JPP	145	NPP	5053800	JPF	4	PSPS
32198251120	L	5194	JS	615030255	JNPS	113	JSPS	2103099	PFS	3	NPF
28426375222	JS	4358	L	603986186	NF	108	FP	1210000	LFF	3	LNP
23309823981	NP	3551	NS	564995625	LPS	86	LPS	730085	SPP	3	JLN
22984687616	JN	2851	PS	477459510	LN	75	LF	688585	JLN	2	NFP
14215335450	JL	2620	JN	474684493	NPP	75	JLPS	482000	NPFS	2	LPSS
13586317760	PS	2430	NP	450178806	FS	68	PSP	373002	LSP	2	JPF
13198334770	F	2383	JPS	377539267	NSP	59	NSP	280053	NFP	2	JLSP
12674998552	NS	1874	SP	296917766	JSPS	45	NF	128900	NPF	1	PSFS
10388218539	JPS	1178	JL	293858588	NFS	34	LFS	127000	PSFS	1	PSF
9016231303	SP	1174	LS	189196713	JLPS	27	FPS	126100	JPSP	1	NPSP
8194850389	JF	1097	F	169604360	JNSP	23	LN	111000	JPPS	1	NPFS
7303635925	JSP	1042	JNS	134116228	LFS	22	JFPS	91100	NLS	1	NLS
6533134924	JNP	978	NPS	119101188	LFP	21	NFS	71520	LPSS	1	LPSS
6392493926	PP	844	JSP	105505100	PF	21	LPP	65544	JNFS	1	LPF
5947788077	JNS	764	JF	96340538	JNPP	21	JNSP	42800	FFS	1	JPPS
4477404422	NPS	751	JNP	82255400	JSP	19	LFP	27400	NPSP	1	JPFS
3410654697	JLP	746	PP	55492652	FPS	18	JNPP	23900	FSP	1	JLF
3275985583	JLS	656	LP	44037600	JLSP	14	LNS	6440	JPFS	1	FSP
3168848729	LS	554	JLS	39654703	LNS	12	JNF	5680	JLF	1	FFS
2350531151	LP	493	SPS	34770800	LPP	11	PF	4890	LFFS	1	FF
1332945408	LF	464	JLP	33333990	NPPS	10	JSP				
1227277376	PSP	357	JFS	26052000	LNP	8	SPP				

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ŋ			10		7	6				9					10									
l	9	9	8	7	10	6	8	7	9	9	9	9	8	0	10	0	9	7						
r																								
j	10	10	10	9	10	9	9	10	10	9	10	8	10	8	10	8	10	10	10	6	10			
w	10	10	9	9	10	8	9	9	8	10	10	7	9	9	10	7	10	10						
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