JUNCTURES: AN ABECEDUM

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Editor's Note: Alfred Lubran's article was inspired by the note on page 164 of David Crystal's The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Language (reviewed in the November 1991 Word Ways); his examples for A, I, N and T are reproduced below. All words can be found in Chambers English Dictionary.

In the area of Linguistics a juncture demarcates words or phrases separated by phonetic boundaries, e.g., the word 'illegal' can be divided into 'ill' and 'eagle'. Spelling may alter but the sounds remain. In this Abecedum only one example is given against each initial letter. Words beginning with Q, V, X and Z present few instances of juncture. The sound of X in the example given is that of Z, while the example with Z sounds like S. I would be happy to receive better examples for the various letters.

A
- NAME an aim
- BACCIC back kick
- CANTILLATE can till eight
- DAGOS day goes
- EURASIAN you're Asian
- FINITE fine night
- GREATEST grey test
- HOLYSTONE wholly stone
- I SCREAM ice cream
- JOLTERHEAD jolt ahead
- KEY PIN keep in
- LACCOLITE lack o' light
- MEANINGLESS TALK meaning less talk
- NITRATE night rate
- ONCER one, sir
- PICADOR pick a door
- QUOTA SYSTEM quote a system
- RACIAL APPEAL Ray shall appeal
- SING 'ON AWAY' sin gone away
- THAT STUFF that's tough
- ULOTRICHIOUS you lot trick us
- VACCINE TO CLEAN vac seen to clean
- WORK-IN were kin
- A XYRIS WITH YELLOW BUDS as iris with yellow buds
- YAUPON yawp on
- ZORROW COMES TO WALL sorrow comes to all