

# 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  
 ULOTRICHOUS 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