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 yawn on
ZORROW COMES TO WALL sorrow comes to all