

# Acoustic confusability values for 1172 CCC trigrams<sup>1</sup>

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Mean probabilities of acoustic confusability were computed for 1172 CCC trigrams chosen at random from Witmer's list of association values, and the results were tabulated.

Acoustic confusability has been shown to be a strong factor in the recall of letter sequences (Conrad, 1964; Wickelgren, 1965) but it is a variable that is rarely controlled in experiments using CCCs. This is presumably due to the lack of a table of such values and the inconvenience of computing the appropriate values for all CCCs used in such studies.

Conrad (1964) presents an acoustic confusion matrix from which it is possible to compute the mean probability of acoustic confusability of any sequence of letters using Clarke's (1957) Constant Ratio rule.

Mean probabilities of acoustic confusability [p(AC)] were computed for 1172 CCCs chosen at random from Witmer's (1935) list of three-consonant syllables. Because of the difference in British and American pronunciations of the letter "z" ("zed" and "zee") all syllables containing this letter were eliminated. The following table presents the 1172 syllables arranged first by Witmer's association values (AV) and, within each AV, by ascending order of p(AC).

Table 1  
CCCs and p(AC) Values, Ranked by Association Value

<u>0%AV</u>	QGX .21	HEM .04	WFQ .01
QJF .02	GGQ .21	JDF .04	RJW .02
XJQ .02	JXF .22	NQS .04	WJQ .02
QJH .04	QIF .25	QFK .04	XRJ .02
XFQ .21	QFC .25	BFM .05	HWQ .03
	CJQ .27	BMF .05	QIW .03
<u>4%AV</u>	CQH .28	DJH .06	WPJ .03
XQL .01	DJB .34	JFM .06	XQK .03
KXB .02		KHQ .06	BFJ .04
QXJ .02	<u>1%AV</u>	MBW .06	FJP .04
DJX .03	TFJ .03	RBM .06	TLF .04
QJX .04	XBN .03	XGJ .06	FPN .05
PHJ .07	QJS .05	XJL .06	NLQ .05
CXJ .09	QHP .06	HJF .07	HWF .06
GXM .09	WCF .07	XNJ .07	LJW .06
XQH .09	QXH .09	WCJ .08	WBM .06
XBQ .10	XJC .09	HXJ .09	GJW .07
KHX .11	QDJ .16	JXH .09	HJL .07
HFC .15	QMW .21	QHJ .09	WGJ .07
XQF .21	QXF .21	SJH .12	NQJ .08
GCT .24	XFP .22	BJQ .13	QMK .08
	XGP .24	QWB .13	XMG .08
<u>8%AV</u>	WCQ .25	QDJ .16	JHX .09
FQW .01	QFC .48	PXB .17	BFQ .11
JFQ .02		JTQ .18	DEH .11
MHW .03	<u>17%AV</u>	NPB .20	BQH .12
QST .05	XQM .01	XQG .21	KBQ .12
MJF .06	XQN .02	XFM .23	MBQ .12
QLJ .06	JHW .03	XJS .23	FCM .13
WFC .07	KWQ .03	FJS .32	KHC .15
KQB .12	KXR .03	SXH .32	MCJ .15
DJQ .16	MBX .03	DWB .33	QDM .15
GXC .20	XBM .03		CSJ .16
XGC .20	XJP .03	<u>21%AV</u>	QDH .16
FXQ .21	FFJ .04	QFW .01	XCG .20

FBX .22	GXB .27	RLB .09	JTL .06
TJB .22	QCS .27	HXN .10	BJM .07
GQN .24	QCH .28	JNF .10	DWJ .07
KXF .24	BJG .29	MKF .10	HLJ .07
CFX .27	QNB .29	XKN .10	JXN .07
JQC .27	GNB .29	GJL .11	KXM .07
SEJ .32	GBW .29	KQN .11	NWB .07
CFP .33	JBG .29	LJG .11	DKH .08
KFS .34	QSF .29	CFM .13	JLB .08
PCJ .34	CXS .32	DQF .13	KHD .08
TCF .34	KDB .32	FQD .13	KMW .08
QGD .43	XCS .32	QFD .13	LNH .08
	KSF .34	XDQ .13	NJW .08
	TFP .34	MGJ .14	XRL .08
<u>25%AV</u>	GBQ .40	CKK .15	LRB .09
DLX .02	XSF .52	KQH .15	LXH .09
HNQ .02		KDQ .15	KDH .09
JFW .02	<u>29%AV</u>	KTC .18	CKF .10
KGX .02	LXP .01	BPN .20	JNB .10
KXP .03	XLQ .01	CXG .20	XPB .10
QLH .03	BXK .02	TWB .20	QLG .22
RJF .03	KBX .02	DLG .22	XLC .11
XLG .03	QNW .02	QXG .23	QFB .11
XMB .03	RXT .02	NXF .23	XHD .11
SGW .04	HWJ .03	QMG .23	CSW .12
LDH .05	JXD .03	KXS .24	HCW .12
WJM .05	PJW .03	CQW .25	NLR .12
PHQ .06	RHJ .03	RGB .26	NRL .12
HKQ .06	WJP .03	CKQ .27	WHC .12
TJL .06	BJF .04	CNQ .27	DFQ .13
WPH .06	FJB .04	GPN .27	FDQ .13
XJG .06	PFJ .04	HCQ .28	JRL .13
BJW .07	QKF .04	XGD .28	QXD .13
JWB .07	WFM .04	FSQ .29	WCN .14
RMF .07	WSJ .04	WBG .29	CJM .15
BAH .09	FKB .05	LDB .31	NDQ .16
PHK .10	FWB .05	TFC .34	NQD .16
HJN .10	HTJ .05	HFS .38	QJD .16
NEJ .10	JMH .05		RBP .17
QBX .10	JSQ .05	<u>33%AV</u>	LPB .18
XHN .10	JTH .05	QWS .01	TFB .20
LJC .11	NFP .05	RPW .01	TNB .21
MKR .11	NQH .05	WQS .01	DFX .23
XHK .11	NXL .05	RXJ .02	GKT .23
MWC .12	SJB .05	TXJ .02	JGT .23
NDJ .12	WHB .05	WFJ .02	MQG .23
GKM .13	FDK .06	FQL .03	TDF .23
JBQ .13	HEW .06	KTW .03	JCG .24
QBW .13	JLQ .06	MPQ .03	SGP .24
RJL .13	JLX .06	MQH .03	TDJ .24
SDH .13	JMF .06	RKB .03	XGB .26
NCW .14	JXC .06	WQK .03	CSQ .27
CMJ .15	KDF .06	BMH .04	GDW .30
DKQ .15	KWB .06	JFD .04	DLB .31
HMC .15	CHK .06	LBF .04	BDH .32
QDN .16	RWC .06	MVP .04	SMF .32
PBF .18	TKF .06	EPN .05	CNP .34
HGX .19	HKI .07	HJM .05	FKS .34
QSX .21	XKM .07	HVN .05	DBQ .42
BFX .22	FMH .08	JMW .05	PGB .46
GWQ .22	JQN .08	KSQ .05	GTD .49
JTB .22	LBJ .08	NJT .05	
QGL .22	LRH .08	NQL .05	
PHX .23	WJC .08	PMF .05	
QJG .24	BHX .09	TMF .05	
QCW .25	HNF .09	HFW .06	

HWR .01	SEK .24	TJN .09	PRJ .03	FSD .32	XTB .19	NBW .07	LXW .05
HWP .02	TGM .24	NXK .10	QWH .03	LTC .32	BTF .20	FDN .08	MFT .05
JWR .02	CQL .25	XNK .10	RWK .03	XSH .32	GLC .20	LXR .08	MPH .05
LBX .02	PJD .25	LRC .11	TLW .03	CTW .33	BPK .21	MJS .08	NBF .05
NWQ .02	DPK .26	MKP .11	TWM .03	CKT .33	FQX .21	PLR .08	RHN .05
TWJ .02	QCX .26	NJS .11	WLH .03	PFC .33	HBT .21	BHS .09	RTM .05
FJT .03	XBG .26	NWK .11	WTF .03	TWC .33	PDR .22	DMK .09	BNH .06
HLB .03	CGM .27	QKN .11	GWS .04	WPC .33	TBJ .22	LRW .09	DSM .06
HLW .03	CMQ .27	GMW .12	LSQ .04	TCM .34	DWP .23	JLS .10	NFR .06
HMW .03	SFQ .29	KGM .13	LWF .04	KCP .36	PDF .23	KRM .11	DNR .07
KWR .03	BSF .30	KNS .13	SKB .04	QTG .42	SXD .23	KSM .11	FLH .07
RTF .03	GJD .31	NKP .13	MHR .05	DPB .48	WDT .23	NSJ .11	MKI .07
XKT .03	NSF .31	NSK .13	PFN .05	BTD .50	GXP .24	JND .12	HFD .08
QNR .03	BDK .32	DNQ .16	RPK .05	BPT .53	KTD .24	MXC .12	RDL .09
XTK .03	DPS .32	SJC .16	RWM .05	TGC .54	QCW .25	SNH .12	WMG .09
FWM .04	DSF .32	QJT .18	RXM .05	GPC .56	GMG .27	JGM .14	SGH .10
JMX .04	SFL .32	QKT .18	SQJ .05		GBK .27	LQT .16	XTH .10
JXM .04	CPV .33	CSN .19	THJ .05		QSC .27	TXQ .16	MGS .11
KBS .04	CJT .34	KNG .19	WPK .05	<u>50%AV</u>	SQC .27	FTQ .17	SGM .11
KSW .04	PJT .35	TLB .19	BMR .06	HKX .02	BGJ .29	QFT .17	MRC .13
LFB .04	BTQ .37	BTW .20	BNF .06	JXT .02	FWS .29	NJG .18	RCN .14
LSW .04	HSP .38	GTX .21	HQK .06	XJR .02	KDG .29	HCN .19	QMD .15
WSM .04	SFC .40	XSQ .21	NLW .06	XMT .02	SGD .29	TBW .20	BPL .18
JTM .05	GQD .43	LDT .22	WLN .06	FTJ .03	BFS .30	BTK .21	HTQ .19
KHR .05		LGQ .22	JMD .07	GLX .03	LBD .31	CKG .21	NHC .19
MJQ .05	<u>42%AV</u>	XNS .22	JWG .07	JPR .03	CTL .32	XSP .21	TXB .19
MPF .05	PWF .02	DFP .23	KWM .08	KBR .03	FDS .32	FXN .23	PKB .21
LWC .06	RFB .02	DSX .23	MKQ .08	PMX .03	LFS .32	JXS .23	TMB .21
NLB .06	HQW .03	FPD .23	MWD .08	WHQ .03	PCR .32	KNC .23	XPS .21
RCW .06	NBX .03	GJT .23	NRJ .09	DFL .04	CTI .33	PDX .23	CHG .23
WMB .06	PKN .03	GMQ .23	PNJ .09	WLH .04	PSC .33	SHC .23	FXD .23
WNL .06	RJH .03	LFX .23	JNH .10	RDK .04	PCN .34	GPS .24	PDS .23
GWJ .07	WKQ .03	XSM .23	NXH .10	RNW .04	TPJ .35	NTD .24	PTD .23
JPM .07	DJR .04	PGX .24	KPM .11	WSN .04	DQB .42	SCG .24	LQC .25
LSG .07	RJD .04	QNG .24	PMK .11	KPR .05	GPD .50	RBG .26	MPG .27
PJM .07	RNB .04	QWC .25	QBS .11	BWM .06	SFX .52	GBL .27	HQT .19
CRJ .08	WPM .04	JPG .26	RKM .11	LSD .06	GTC .54	MGC .27	RBT .19
HFN .08	FBN .05	DLG .28	SJN .11	XND .06	GBP .59	PFS .29	TRD .22
RLP .08	FMB .05	BGW .29	RLN .12	HPK .07		CPL .32	DTH .24
WDM .08	FNW .05	GBN .29	RKN .13	DWK .08	<u>54%AV</u>	DNB .33	BNG .29
XHR .08	HQN .05	NBG .29	HKN .13	MSJ .08	XBR .01	LPT .33	BDR .31
NPJ .09	JMQ .05	SDG .29	HSD .13	NFD .08	FWR .02	JTC .34	SNF .31
WLR .09	KFB .05	DFB .31	NLG .14	CKW .09	MTX .02	KPC .36	CRP .32
HNJ .10	LPN .05	DSB .31	FCN .16	JGR .09	RKD .02	DQT .40	DNG .32
MPK .10	NRH .05	FBD .31	LCN .16	MWG .09	WLP .02	GBT .46	FRT .33
JCL .11	PWK .05	BHD .32	QND .16	RNJ .09	WQN .02	PGC .56	NGP .27
BHQ .12	RKG .05	SDF .32	WQD .16	NBJ .10	FLQ .03	DTP .58	DGL .28
BQW .13	TMJ .05	SXC .32	PBX .17	CLJ .11	HTR .03	CTP .65	CGN .30
FMC .13	XRG .05	DBN .33	RBP .17	HCR .11	TKX .03		GMD .30
NWC .14	CFR .06	TCN .33	PSB .18	KMS .11	WKT .03	<u>58%AV</u>	RDB .31
SDQ .14	CWR .06	HCT .34	JPB .21	MKS .11	XHT .03	RWT .01	MSF .32
QKD .15	JLW .06	JBD .34	NBT .21	RCL .11	BSW .04	WPR .01	SLF .32
JCS .16	LCW .06	TMC .34	TLG .21	CWS .12	BWS .04	JRW .02	TCL .32
JDQ .16	WCR .06	MCP .35	DXT .22	HNS .12	DKR .04	JWT .02	PTX .33
QWD .16	DSJ .07	CKP .36	XDT .22	NKD .12	LEW .04	FRH .02	FPT .34
NGJ .18	JDM .07	BTG .46	XPT .22	NJD .12	RWN .04	TXR .02	HPC .34
THL .18	JLD .07	PBG .46	FDT .23	NRK .12	FBK .05	HQM .03	NCT .34
TQK .18	SDK .07	BDP .48	KG T .23	QNB .12	FMP .05	JRT .03	THC .34
GSX .22	XRC .07	DTG .49	MXS .23	RKN .12	GWL .05	KRB .03	TKC .34
GXS .22	DWM .08	TCG .54	DFM .25	SWC .12	HMR .05	KRX .03	PTK .36
PFX .22	HKD .08	TCP .65	BGX .26	LJR .13	NSB .05	NTX .03	
SXG .22	WJN .08		GPK .27	DQM .15	QKS .05	TRF .03	
XGS .22	XGM .08	<u>45%AV</u>	GDX .28	HQD .16	RNH .05	WTM .03	
FDB .23	BMK .09	LFX .01	BWG .29	KCS .16	XHT .03	BPL .04	
FDX .23	GJR .09	RFW .02	DKG .29	KSC .16	BSW .04	HIM .04	
GTK .23	MHK .09	RHP .02	GBW .29	WQT .16	BWS .04	LBS .04	
QGM .23	NFH .09	RPF .02	DGJ .31	MC S .17	DKR .04	NRT .04	
XFN .23	NSL .09	JHR .03	DKB .32	HNC .19	LEW .04	RHD .04	
PWG .24	RJG .09	NWP .03		TBX .19	FKR .06	SBL .04	
					LCX .06		
					RKF .06		
					LDW .07		

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