

Phonosemantic Coherence in English Assonances

Assonance

Semantics (Embodied Image)

<i>st-</i>	1-Dimensional Rigid (Standing Man)	<i>stick staff stem stub stab step stake stiff stilt</i>
<i>str-</i>	1-Dim Non-Rigid	<i>strap string strum strain strip streak stream straw strand stretch</i>
<i>br₁-</i>	1-Dim Connected (Plant)	<i>brush break bridge brim briar browse branch bramble</i>
<i>br₂-</i>	Human (Gender Roles)	<i>M: brute brawl bruise bris F: breed broad breast bread</i>
<i>pr₁-</i>	1-Dim Extended	<i>prick prod prop prow pretzel privet prong probe prawn prone</i>
<i>pr₂-</i>	Human (Social Roles)	<i>proper prim priest prom prissy primp proud pray preen</i>
<i>fl-</i>	2-Dim	<i>float flat flap flense fletch flood flam flange flea fleece floe floor flip flank</i>
<i>pl-</i>	2-Dim Thick	<i>plush plump plaque plaster plank plate plow pleat plait platter plop</i>
<i>n-</i>	3-Dim	<i>nick niche nook nub nugget knuckle knurl knob nipple noggin nuzzle gnaw</i>
<i>sn₁-</i>	3-Dim Convex w/ Concave (Fingers)	<i>snap snare snatch snip snooker snag sneak</i>
<i>sn₂-</i>	3-Dim Convex w/ Concave (Nose)	<i>sneeze sniff snoot sneer snub snarl snore snot</i>
<i>bl₁-</i>	Color (Eye)	<i>blue blood blush black blank blotch blaze blind blond bleach blur bloom</i>
<i>bl₂-</i>	Compressed Fluid (Eye)	<i>blimp blush bloom blot blain blintz blood blow bloat</i>
<i>bl₃-</i>	Excess ('too much')	<i>blotto blister blast bluster blab bliss bleep blare blemish</i>
<i>gl-</i>	Reflected Light (Eye)	<i>glaze glimmer glimpse gleam glance glare glow gloom</i>
<i>kr-</i>	1-Dim Bent	<i>crutch cripple crack crotch cross crank crimp crevice crane crouch</i>
<i>kl-</i>	Connection ('together')	<i>club clutch clam clamp clap cluster clench click cling</i>
<i>skr-</i>	2-Dim + 1-D Motion	<i>scrub scam scratch scribe scrape scrawl screw scroll screen</i>
<i>sl₁-</i>	Liquid/Solid Interface	<i>slush slop sleet slick slather slime slurp slough sluice slide</i>
<i>sl₂-</i>	Pejorative	<i>slob slut slander slang sludge slum sloth sleazy slobber slouch slur slope</i>
<i>spl-</i>	1-Dim → 2-Dim	<i>splay split spline splice splint splotch splash splatter splinter</i>
<i>spr-</i>	Extrusion (Plant)	<i>sprout spread sprig spruce (Liquid) spring sprue spray sprinkle</i>
<i>sk-</i>	2-Dim Extended	<i>sky scum scuff scarf scour scale skate skid skim skip skirt scab</i>
<i>skw-</i>	Compressed	<i>squash squint squeeze squeak squeegee squelch squirt squat squirm</i>
<i>sw-</i>	Rotary Motion	<i>swirl swerve swash swing swoop sweep swath swab swish swizzle</i>
<i>thr-</i>	Constricted Path	<i>throat through thrust throttle thread thresh throng thrall thrift</i>
<i>dr-</i>	Liquid	<i>dredge drink drop drown drought dry drain dribble drizzle drool drip</i>
<i>tr-</i>	Travel	<i>trudge trample trot trail traipse trip tread trek truck train tram track trolley</i>
<i>y-</i>	Vocal	<i>yack yammer yap yowl yell yip yawn Interjection yuck yow yum yup yike yay</i>