

Adjacent consonants and consonant digraphs

What's the difference?

Adjacent consonants are also called 'consonant clusters' and 'consonant blends'. These are two adjacent consonants in a word, e.g.

stop

They spell two separate sounds. In the word 'stop' they spell the sounds /s/ and /t/.

A consonant digraph is where two adjacent consonants in a word are combined to spell one sound, e.g.

ship

In the word 'ship' the consonants <s> and <h> spell one sound /sh/.