

Consonant Digraphs — ch, sh, th, and wh

How to use: Print first for the main practice. Then use the device to repeat activities and save progress.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Recognize that ch, sh, th, and wh are two letters that make one new sound
- 2 Read words beginning or ending with ch, sh, th, and wh correctly
- 3 Sort words by their digraph sound into the correct group

MINI LESSON

You have learned to blend three sounds in CVC words. Today you will learn about digraphs — pairs of letters that team up to make one brand-new sound. Neither letter says its usual sound; together they make something new!

ch — the "chuh" sound

- Sounds like: ch in chip, chat, bench, much
- Say it: put your tongue behind your top teeth and push air out — ch!

sh — the "shh" sound

- Sounds like: sh in ship, shop, fish, dash
- Say it: put a finger to your lips like "shh!" — that is the sound.

th — the "thh" sound

- Sounds like: th in this, that, thin, bath
- Say it: put your tongue gently between your teeth and blow.

wh — the "wh" sound

- Sounds like: wh in when, whip, which, where
- In most accents it sounds like a regular /w/ — wh words are often question words!

VOCABULARY

Digraph Two letters that work together to make ONE new sound
e.g. ch, sh, th, wh

Consonant A letter that is not a vowel (a, e, i, o, u)
e.g. b, c, d, f, g, h...

Two letters 'one new sound

ch

chair



sh

ship



th

thumb



wh

whale



2 letters = 1 sound

c

h



"ch"

/tʃ/

s

h



"sh"

/ʃ/

t

h



"th"

/θ/

w

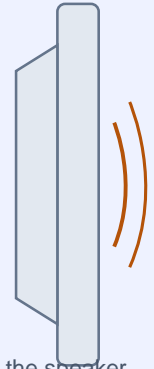
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"wh"

/w/

Two letters — one fresh sound out of the speaker.



! Ask yourself: "Do I see two letters together at the start or end of this word? What one sound do they make?"

GUIDED PRACTICE — MINI-BOOK

MINI-BOOK

Chad and the Shell Shop

Page 1

Chad went to the shell shop. He had a chip in his hand. Find the ch words. What sound do ch letters make?

Page 2

"Which shell is that?" asked Chad. The shop had white shells and thin ones too. Find a wh word and a th word on this page.

Page 3

She showed him a shiny shell. Chad wished he had that shell! How many sh words can you find? How many th words?

Page 4

When Chad got home, he put the shell on the shelf. Then he chomped on his chip. Yum! Find all four digraphs on this page: ch, sh, th, wh!

The End

EXERCISES — SORT & MATCH

Write each word in the column of the digraph you hear.

WORDS TO SORT

chip

ship

thin

when

bench

fish

bath

whip

chat

dash

that

which

much

shed

them

white

ch

sh

th

wh

_____	_____	_____	_____
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EXERCISES — MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What is a digraph?

- A word with more than four letters
- Two letters that make one new sound together
- A vowel that appears twice in a word

2. Which digraph does "chip" begin with?

- ch
- sh
- th

3. Which digraph does "ship" begin with?

- wh
- ch
- sh

4. Which digraph does "bath" end with?

- ch
- th
- wh

5. Which word begins with the wh digraph?

- when
- then
- shin

6. Which digraph do you hear at the END of "fish"?

- ch
- th
- sh

7. How many sounds does the digraph "ch" make?

- Two — one for c and one for h
- One — the /ch/ sound
- Three — a blend of three sounds

8. Which word does NOT contain the ch digraph?

- shop
- chat
- bench

9. Which word contains the th digraph?

- chip
- whip
- that

10. Why is it important to know digraphs when reading?

- Because digraph words are always very long
- Because treating two letters as one sound helps you read many common words correctly
- Because digraphs only appear at the end of words

ASSESSMENT

PARENT / TEACHER CHECKLIST

- Can look at a word and correctly identify which digraph (ch, sh, th, or wh) it contains
- Produces the correct sound for each digraph when asked — /ch/, /sh/, /th/, /wh/
- Sorts at least 12 of 16 words into the correct digraph bucket in the activity
- Points out digraph words in a short text and reads them correctly