

Ch Digraph Word List

We've split the lists into different sound categories in alphabetical order to help you locate words you might want to use with your students.

Words containing the /ch/ (tʃ) sound, as in chop...

One-syllable words with regular spelling patterns and no other digraphs:

Belch, bench, blanch, branch, bunch, chaff, champ, chant, chap, chat, chess, chest, chill, chimp, chin, chips, chit, chomp, chop, chub, chug, chum, chunk, clench, clinch, crunch, drench, finch, flinch, French, hunch, inch, lunch, much, munch, pinch, punch, rich, scrunch, such, trench.

One-syllable words with other digraphs or some irregular spelling patterns:

Arch, beach, beech, birch, bleach, broach, chafe, chain, chair, chalk, char, chard, charm, chart, chase, check, chew, chi, chick, chow, chuck, church, coach, couch, crouch, each, leech, lurch, march, ouch, peach, perch, poach, pooch, pouch, preach, reach, roach, screech, slouch, speech, starch, teach, torch, touch, vouch, which.

Two or more syllable words - may contain other digraphs:

Achieve, achoo, Apache, approach, archer, attach, chapel, children, duchess, ostrich, spinach.

Words containing the/k/ (k) sound as in school...

One-syllable words with regular spelling patterns and no other digraphs:

Chris, loch, mach.

One-syllable words with other digraphs or some irregular spelling patterns:

Ache*, choir, Christ, chrome, scheme, school.

*che is acting as a [trigraph](#) in this word.

Two or more syllable words - may contain other digraphs:

Alchemy, anarchy, anchor, arachnid, archaeology, archaic, architect, archive, bronchitis, chameleon, chaos, character, charisma, chasm, chemist, chlorine, chloroform, cholera, chorus, Christmas, chromosome, chronic, chronicle, chrysalis, echidna, echo, epoch, leprechaun, lichen, matriarch, mechanic, melancholy, mocha, monarch, orchestra, orchid, patriarch, schooner, stomach, technology.



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Words containing the /sh/ (ʃ) sound as in **chef**...

One-syllable words with regular spelling patterns and no other digraphs:

Chef.

One-syllable words with other digraphs or some irregular spelling patterns:

Chic, chute, quiche.

Two or more syllable words - may contain other digraphs:

Brochure, champagne, chandelier, chaperone, charade, charlatan, chauffeur, chauvinist, chiffon, chivalry, crochet, echelon, machete, machine, Michigan, nonchalant, parachute, penchant, pistachio, ricochet.

Pseudowords Containing the Ch Digraph

See the information on our website about pseudowords. You could use some of these as practice words for a screening check or as part of a less formal assessment of a child's decoding ability. Since this digraph can represent 3 different sounds in different words, you could allow any of the 3 alternative pronunciations when children are reading these words. Some of the words in the list might have a real meaning in some regions, groups or sub-cultures, but they will be unfamiliar to most children so can be used alongside genuine pseudowords.

Chad, cham, chang, chark, chid, chon, chup, lich, gach.

