CK / TCH / DGE — After a Short Vowel

Three sounds that spell differently right after a short vowel.

CK after a short vowel

/k/ spelled ck
Examples: back, kick, sock, duck, rock

K after a consonant or long vowel

/k/ spelled k
Examples: milk, bank, bike, snake, week

TCH after a short vowel

/ch/ spelled tch
Examples: catch, kitchen, witch, match

CH after a consonant or long vowel

/ch/ spelled ch
Examples: lunch, church, beach, coach

DGE after a short vowel

/j/ spelled dge
Examples: bridge, badge, edge, dodge, budge

GE after a consonant or long vowel

/j/ spelled ge
Examples: huge, page, orange, danger