All Digraphs — Write & Read + SH vs CH

Every digraph from the digraphs-ch-sh-th guide — ch, sh, th, ng, ph, wh — plus the sh-vs-ch contrast drill.

Name: _____ Date: _____

How to use this worksheet

1. Some words are split into two red chunks (like sh - ip) — the first chunk is the digraph, a team of two letters that make one sound. Say each chunk, then blend them together.
2. Remember: the digraph is a team, not two separate sounds — don't sound out its letters individually.
3. Write the complete blended word on the blank line.
4. Check your spelling against the printed word once you're done.

Example — this is what a correct answer looks like:

ch - **ip** -> **chip**

Tip

Kids who've mastered single letters often try to sound out both letters of a digraph separately ("c-h-i-p"). Remind them: the two letters are a team that makes one sound.

CH words

ch is a quick puff of air — contrast it with the long hiss of sh.

ch-ip		r-each	
ch-at		p-each	
ch-in		c-oach	
ch-op		p-unch	
m-uch		b-unch	
s-uch		m-unch	
l-unch		m-arch	
b-ench		p-orch	
b-each		c-atch	
t-each		w-atch	

SH words

sh is a long hiss — you can stretch it: shhhhh.

sh-ip _____	d-ish _____
sh-op _____	r-ush _____
f-ish _____	cr-ash _____
w-ash _____	fl-ash _____
br-ush _____	fr-esh _____
sh-ed _____	sh-ark _____
sh-ell _____	sh-eep _____
sh-ut _____	sh-ore _____
sh-ine _____	sh-irt _____
w-ish _____	c-ash _____

TH words

Tongue between the teeth. Some th words are quiet (thin), some buzz (this) — both are spelled the same way.

th-in _____	th-is _____
th-umb _____	th-at _____
b-ath _____	th-e _____
thr-ee _____	mother _____
m-ath _____	brother _____
m-oth _____	other _____
p-ath _____	th-an _____
t-eeth _____	th-en _____
th-ick _____	w-ith _____
th-ink _____	cl-oth _____

NG words

ng always comes at the end of a word — like saying n with the back of your throat.

r-ing		st-ing	
k-ing		br-ing	
s-ing		string	
b-ang		strong	
l-ong		y-oung	
s-ong		h-ung	
w-ing		s-ung	
h-ang		sw-ing	
g-ang		th-ing	
r-ang		along	

PH & WH words

ph says /f/ (phone). wh says /w/ in most words (when). Rarer digraphs — treat them as spelling-recognition rules.

ph-one		wh-eel	
ph-oto		wh-ale	
gr-aph		wh-ite	
dolphin		wh-ile	
alphabet		wh-eat	
elephant		wh-isk	
trophy		whisper	
nephew		whistle	
wh-en		wh-y	
wh-at		wh-ere	

SH vs CH — Minimal Pairs

Say each pair out loud. Notice how only the first sound changes. Write both words.

SH word	CH word
ship	chip
shop	chop
sheep	cheap