

1ST GRADE • PHONICS

Two letters, one sound: sh, ch, th

FOR YOU How to use this in 5 minutes

- 1 **Teach the three.** SAY: "When s and h team up, they make one new sound, /sh/, like ship. The letters c and h say /ch/, like chick, and t and h say /th/, like bath."
- 2 **Name each picture.** SAY: "Ship, fish, chick, bench, bath, moth. Which two letters make the sound you hear?"
- 3 **Sort the words.** SAY: "Read each word, then write it under its sound."

Tip. /th/ is the one you can see: the tongue peeks out between the teeth. Let your child say it into a mirror.

1 Write sh, ch or th

WORD BANK

sh ch th



____ip



fi____



____ick



ben____



ba____



mo____

2 Read each word. Write it under its sound.

WORD BANK

shop
shed

chin
chop

thin
with

rich
dish

math

sh as in ship

ch as in chick

th as in bath

3 Circle the 6 words with sh, ch or th

Seth and Chad sat on the bench with a fish.

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Answer key

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1 Write sh, ch or th

ship (sh)
fish (sh)
chick (ch)
bench (ch)
bath (th)
moth (th)

2 Read each word. Write it under its sound.

sh: shop, shed, dish
ch: chin, rich, chop
th: thin, math, with

3 Circle the 6 words with sh, ch or th

Seth, Chad, the, bench, with, fish

If it's hard

- If /sh/ and /ch/ sound alike, try this: /sh/ is long and quiet, like asking for hush, and /ch/ is short, like a sneeze.
- If sorting is slow, read each word aloud together first, then sort.



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