

THE DIGRAPH DETECTIVE

Two letters. One sound. Can you catch them?



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Some letters like to team up. Two letters sneak together and make just ONE sound — like **s** and **h** saying “**shhh**.” Your mission: find every sneaky team!

Two Letters, One Sound

Meet the first sneaky team: *s* and *h*.

THE BIG IDEA

Sometimes **two letters** hold hands and make just **ONE sound**.

s h
 {
 /sh/
 one sound

s + h say "sh"

Put your finger on your lips: **shhh!**

READ ALOUD » Say it together: "s-h makes one sound — /sh/, like ship." Trace the team, then write your own sh.

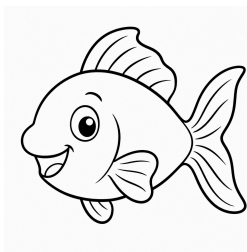
sh sh

 trace · trace · now you write it!

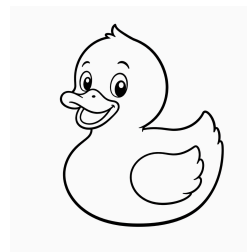
READ ALOUD » Point to each picture. Say its name. **Circle** the two that have the /sh/ sound. Watch out — one does NOT!



ship



fish



duck

Two More Teams

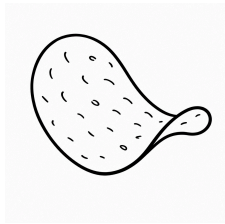
ch says "ch" · *th* says "th"

c h
 {
/ch/
one sound

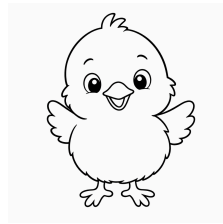
t h
 {
/th/
one sound

READ ALOUD » "c-h makes /ch/ like chip. t-h makes /th/ like thumb." Say them with her.

READ ALOUD » These all start with **ch**. Say each picture. Write **ch** in the box to finish the word.



ip

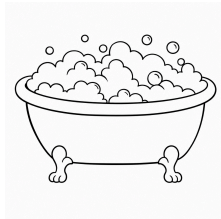


ick



air

READ ALOUD » This word **ENDS** with **th**. Say **bath**. Write **th** in the box.



ba

Start and End

wh starts words · ck ends words

w h
 {
 /w/
 one sound

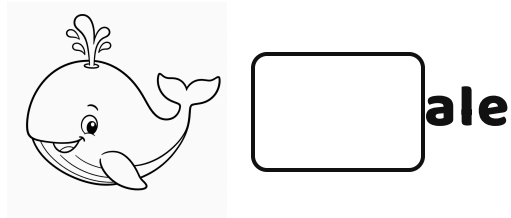
c k
 {
 /k/
 one sound

READ ALOUD » “w-h makes /w/ like **wh**ale. c-k makes /k/ like **ck**.”

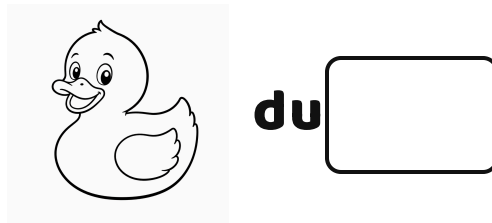
wh likes the **START** of a word: **wh**ale, **wh**eel.

ck likes the **END** of a word: du**ck**, so**ck**.

READ ALOUD » Say **whale**. It **STARTS** with **wh**. Write **wh** in the box.



READ ALOUD » Say **duck**. It **ENDS** with **ck**. Write **ck** in the box.



Fill the Missing Team

Which two letters are missing?

READ ALOUD » Point to a picture. Say its name S-L-O-W-L-Y and listen for the sneaky team. Then write the two letters in the blank. The teams to choose from: sh · ch · th · wh · ck.

sh

ch

th

wh

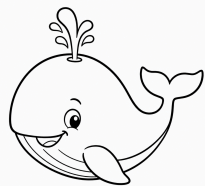
ck



a) _____ip



b) _____ick



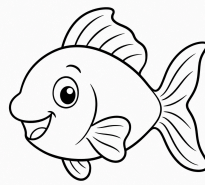
c) _____ale



d) ba _____



e) du _____



f) fi _____

Sort the Sounds

Does it say sh, or ch?

READ ALOUD » Read each word in the middle. Does it start with /sh/ or /ch/? Write it in the right bin.

shop

chin

shell

chop

ship

chick

sh

ch

READ ALOUD » Now YOU read! Point to each word and sound it out. Every word uses a team you know. Put a check ✓ over each one you read.

s h o p

c h i n

t h a t

c h i p

d u c k

w i s h

The Big Question

One sneaky-smart detective question — then **CASE CLOSED!**

DETECTIVE CHECK

duck — the team **ck** has **TWO** letters. So does it make **TWO** sounds? “k-k”?

READ ALOUD » Ask her: does **ck** say “k...k” (two sounds) or just **ONE** /k/? Say **duck** together and listen — only **ONE** /k/ at the end!

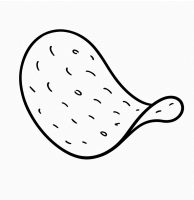
ck makes **ONE** or **TWO** sounds? (circle one)

Remember: two letters, but just **ONE** sound. That is what makes it a team!
(Even **sh** is two letters and one sound.)

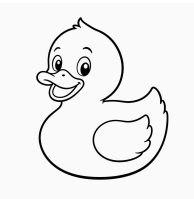
READ ALOUD » Last case! Say each picture. Write the missing team to finish the word.



a) ip



b) ip



c) du

CASE CLOSED!

You caught every sneaky team. Two letters, one sound — you are a real Digraph Detective!