Two Letters, One Sound: sh and ch

Adult guide: two letters work together to represent one sound.

1. Sort by the first sound

sh ship shop shed shut

ch chip chat chin chop

ship and chip are already written as models. Children add three words to each group, in any order. In all eight words, the initial digraph represents one sound.

2. Choose the word that makes sense

1. Please shut the door.

2. We buy milk at the shop.

3. We can chat about our day.

Keep sh or ch together when pointing to sounds: sh-i-p and ch-i-p each have three phonemes and four letters. Here ch is the sound at the start of chip, not the different pronunciations in words such as chef or school. Do not blend s and h as two separate sounds.

Use after sh and ch have been explicitly taught. Adults may read the sentence frames aloud.