CH Sound Word List

CH is a /t/ and a SH glued together. Stop the air with the tongue tip up, then release it straight into a rounded shhh.



SOUND	TYPICAL AGE	TYPE
/ch/	By age 4	Voiceless Postalveolar affricate

PRACTICE TIP

Say "t...sh, t...sh" slowly, then speed it up until it snaps into choo-choo. Round the lips the whole time.

Initial Position (71 words)

The sound is at the beginning of the word.


chair


cheese


chin


church


chip


chew


child


chalk

These and 34 more pictured words are in the CH Sound picture cards.

1 Syllable

37 words

chair	cheek	change	chick	chop
cheese	chest	chant	chief	chore
chin	chase	charge	chill	chose
church	cheer	charm	chime	chug
chip	chimp	chart	chirp	chat
chew	chunk	cheap	chives	
child	chain	check	choice	
chalk	chance	chess	choose	

2 Syllables

25 words

chicken	checkers	chapter	chestnut	church bell
cherry	chipmunk	charcoal	chili	cello
chocolate	chalkboard	chatter	chisel	chin strap
cheetah	challenge	cheddar	chopstick	chip bag
chimney	channel	cheerful	chuckle	children

3 Syllables

9 words

champion	cherry pie	chinchilla	chestnut tree	chocolate bar
cheeseburger	chihuahua	chocolate chip	chicken coop	

High-frequency initial words

Everyday words rather than picture-card words - which is why most lists leave them out. A child already says these hundreds of times a day, so they carry more carryover value than any noun above. Target them in conversation, not in drill.

change, children, changed, changes, changing, chasing, chased, chases

Medial Position (61 words)

The sound is in the middle of the word.


kitchen


teacher


catching


pitcher


nachos


orchard


ketchup


marching

These and 24 more pictured words are in the CH Sound picture cards.

2 Syllables

56 words

kitchen	lunchbox	drenching	peaches	vulture
teacher	pitching	fetching	perching	watches
catching	scratching	hitching	picture	witches
matches	richer	inches	rancher	matchbox
pitcher	hatching	launching	reaching	beaches
nachos	achoo	lunches	richest	touchdown
orchard	beachball	matching	searching	statue
watching	benches	mischief	sketching	bleachers
ketchup	branches	mixture	snatching	
teaching	catcher	munching	switching	
marching	churches	nature	torches	
armchair	crunching	patchwork	touching	

3 Syllables

5 words

adventure	birdwatcher	pitcher plant	artichoke	kitchen sink

High-frequency medial words

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actually, watching, teacher, touching, watches, touches, catches

Final Position (61 words)

The sound is at the end of the word.


beach


peach


watch


lunch


bench


catch


couch


match

These and 23 more pictured words are in the CH Sound picture cards.

1 Syllable

59 words

beach	ranch	ditch	perch	sketch
peach	coach	etch	pinch	slouch
watch	each	fetch	pitch	speech
lunch	march	grouch	poach	stitch
bench	torch	hatch	porch	stretch
catch	crunch	hitch	pouch	such
teach	arch	hutch	reach	switch
couch	batch	inch	rich	trench
match	birch	latch	roach	which
touch	blotch	much	scratch	wrench
branch	bunch	notch	screech	church
witch	clutch	patch	search	

2 Syllables

2 words

sandwich	ostrich

High-frequency final words

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which, each, watch, catch

Generalization

Word lists get a sound into a child's mouth. Generalization is what gets it into their life. These are activities where the target words come up on their own, so nobody has to be talked into practicing.

Play-based ideas for young children

Choo-choo train

Push a train around a track, stopping at stations. Load and unload cargo at each stop.

Words that come up: choo choo, train, chug, watch, catch, each, chair, cheese, munch, lunch, touch, much, chase, church

Chip and dip snack

Real or pretend snack time. Crunch loudly and comment on every bite.

Words that come up: chip, chew, chomp, crunch, cheese, cherry, lunch, munch, much, more, chocolate, peach, watch, catch

Chase and catch

A simple chasing game with a soft toy. Chase, catch, and start again.

Words that come up: chase, catch, chin, cheek, touch, watch, each, reach, much, gotcha, my turn, chair, chilly, chicken

Conversation and verbal games for older kids

Choose your own

Offer two options at every turn of a story. "Choose" and "choice" are the engine of the game.

Lunch menu

Design a lunch menu and defend the choices. Lunch, sandwich, cheese, chicken and chips are all targets.

Change one thing

What would you change about school, your room, your week? "Change" and "chance" come every round.