

# 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

/ch/

## TYPICAL AGE

By age 4

## TYPE

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.

### 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.

### 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    | mischievous | 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 |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|

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

## Final Position (61 words)

The sound is at the end of the word.

### 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.