

Word Work Lesson Plan and Activities

Instructional Focus Based on the Words in the Book

Planets
By: Elizabeth Carney
Grade Level: 2 / Guided Reading Level: K

Word Work

Instructional Focus:
Digraphs -ch, -sh, and -th.
These letters make one sound.

Background:
The digraphs -ch, -sh, and -th make one sound when written together in a word.

Examples:

Cheat	
Touch	
Chat	
Attach	
Chive	

Materials and Preparation:

- A Copy of **Planets** by Elizabeth Carney
- Chart Paper
- Markers
- Digraph Memory Cards
- Digraph Practice Page (Optional - Extend Engagement)
- Optional - Word Detective Worksheet

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Step 1: Introduce the Focus of Word Work

Introduce Digraphs -ch, -sh, and -th

- Direct students' attention to the anchor chart.
- Explain that the letters th, sh, and ch make one sound when written together in a word.
- Talk through each example under the three headings and practice reading each word as a group. Have students identify the digraph as you discuss each word to make sure they are pronounced.
- Have students turn and talk to a partner and brainstorm more examples of words with each of the digraphs. Write them under the correct heading of the chart as you discuss.

Sample Anchor Chart

Digraphs		
sh	th	ch
shed	month	peach
wash	thorn	chip

Step 2: Connect Word Work to Reading

Digraphs -ch, -sh, and -th in the Text

- Explain to students that the book they are reading today will have many examples of these digraphs.
- Next, explain that they are going to listen as you read the book, and when they hear or see one of the digraphs they learned, they should give a thumbs up.
- Model listening for these words by reading page 5 and having the students identify the words "the", "catch", "something", and "that", and adding them to the chart under the correct heading.
- After each page, have students identify the digraph words they heard and write them under the correct heading. Discuss the examples they heard and saw.

List of words in the text that are examples of Digraphs -ch, -sh, and -th:

• Skaped	• Share	• Wash	• Earth	• The	• Their
• Path	• Another	• Them	• Their	• They	• Three
• Other	• That	• Third	• Thick	• Three	• Three
• Each	• Much				

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Step by Step Lesson Plan

Optional Activity to Extend Engagement

List of words in the book that match the instructional focus

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Step 3: Guided Word Work Practice

Interactive Exploration

- Explain to students that they are now going to practice what they've learned by playing a game called "Planet Memory".
- Remind students that there are regular planets and dwarf planets in our solar system and that dwarf planets are much smaller than regular planets. Explain that to play this game they will be matching dwarf planet digraphs with planet digraph example words.
- Have students get into pairs. Give each pair a set of planet cards. The dwarf planet cards have the digraph typed on them and the planet cards have example words that each contain a digraph.
- Students will shuffle the cards and then lay them out in a rectangle. They should take turns flipping two cards over to try to make a match. If a student gets a match, they may keep the cards. The student with the most matches at the end is the winner.

Step 4: Independent Word Work Practice

Practice Page

- Give each student a copy of the **Digraphs Practice Page**.
- Read the directions with the class.
- Go over the example with the class.
- Tell students to complete the rest of the practice page independently.
- Monitor students as they work.

Step 5: Reconnect and Reflect on Word Work

Group Discussion

- Bring the students back together.
- Ask students to explain what they learned about words based on the work they completed.
- Invite students to turn and talk with a partner about their word work.
- Invite 2-3 students to share what they learned with the group.

Step 6: Extend Word Work (optional)

Extension Activity

- Ask students to be on the lookout for digraphs -ch, -sh, and -th in their own reading. Tell them to write their words on a sticky note and add them to the anchor chart. (Review the added sticky notes with the class later in the day or before moving on to the next word work lesson.)
- Alternatively, students can keep track of the words using the **Word Detective** worksheet.

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Interactive Activity

Planet Memory - Dwarf Planet Cards
Interactive Activity

sh	sh	th	th	ch	ch
sh	sh	th	th	ch	ch
sh	sh	th	th	ch	ch
sh	sh	th	th	ch	ch

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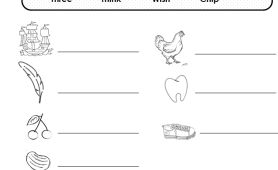
Independent Practice Page

Digraphs
Word Work Practice Page

Directions: Look at the pictures. Write the word that matches the picture and write the digraph in the word. Some words in the word bank may not be used.

Word Bank

Cherry	Ship	Shoe	Tooth	Chicken
Tree	Think	Wish	Chip	



Directions: Think of another example of each of these digraphs and write it in the chart below.

ch	th	sh

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Extension Activity

Word Detective: Digraphs -ch, -sh, and -th
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Directions:
Be a word detective!
Be on the lookout for digraphs -ch, -sh, and -th while you read. Write the word that you find along with the title of the book where you found the word, the page, and the sentence with the word or phrase.

Word	Book Title	Page	Sentence

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