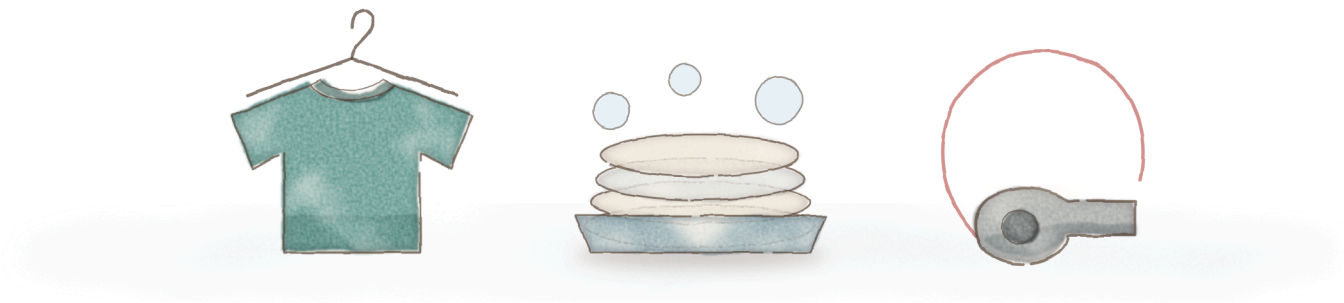
FREE SAMPLE · LESSON 1

Reading Long Words

Digraphs & Blends Across Syllables

Two letters, one sound, one chunk: rad|ish, kitch|en, go|pher. And when a blend starts a chunk, both letters sound and stay together: se|cret, in|clude.

pan ther pan + ther: th is one sound. The two letters stay in the same chunk.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Lesson 1: sh, ch and th
- Warm-up, model and words to read together
- A sort and a chunk map
- An original story with reading strips
- Answers for every activity
- For learners who split sounds apart

1 Find the two-letter sound	2 Keep it in one chunk	3 Read each chunk	4 Blend and check

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · About 15 minutes a session · Supplemental practice, not a diagnosis or a full program

How this book works

Three lessons, four short sessions each.

This book is for a learner who reads one-syllable words like ship, chin and duck but splits sounds apart in longer words ("pant-her", "jac-ket", "sec-ret"). A digraph is two letters that make one sound: sh, ch, th, ck, tch, ng, ph, wh. Its letters always stay in the same chunk.

Lesson 1 has sh, ch and th. Lesson 2 has ck, tch, ng, ph and wh. Lesson 3 has blends that start a chunk (se|cret, in|clude, re|spect): in a blend, both letters make their own sound, and they stay together.

EACH LESSON: FOUR PAGES

Learn	A warm-up, the routine, a model word (I do) and words to read together (We do).
Practice	Activities with help, and sentences to read aloud.
On your own	New words the learner has not seen in this book. The partner only marks.
Read it for real	An original story, questions, and words to spell.

MARKING

Right · Fixed it (the learner corrected themselves: count it as right) · Needed help. Note what went wrong, not just that it did.

NOT A TEST OR A DIAGNOSIS

Supplemental practice. It does not screen for or diagnose dyslexia or any reading difficulty, and it is not a full reading program. Progress depends on the learner, the time spent and the teaching around it.

PRONUNCIATION

th has two sounds (bathrobe, gather), and wh is said like w in most of the US. Accept the reading that is right for the learner's community; the letters still stay together in one chunk.

sh, ch, th: two letters, one sound

radish, panther, lunchbox, withdraw: the two letters stay in one chunk.

Before you start: reads one-syllable words like ship, chin and moth.

WARM-UP

Three one-syllable words with sh, ch or th. Mark right, fixed it or needed help.

ship ○ **chin** ○ **moth** ○

THE ROUTINE

1. Find the two-letter sound
2. Keep it in one chunk
3. Read each chunk
4. Blend and check

I DO · THE ADULT READS ALOUD

rad ish

Find the two letters that make one sound: sh. Keep them together in one chunk: rad|ish. rad is closed and short; ish has the sh. Blend: radish.

WE DO · READ TOGETHER AND DRAW A SCOOP UNDER EACH CHUNK

panther

bishop

lunchbox

withdraw

ADULT: WATCH FOR

Splitting the two letters between chunks ("pant-her", "bis-hop") or saying both letters ("s-h"). Underline the pair: "Two letters, one sound. They stay in one chunk."

Practice: sh, ch, th: two letters, one sound

Work with your partner. Help is fine here.

A Read each word. Write it under the two letters it has.

cashew	mushroom	worship	rancher
chapel	orchard	method	bathrobe
python			

sh as in ship	ch as in chin	th as in moth

B Map it: write each chunk in a box. Underline sh, ch or th.

banish

chunk

shellfish

chunk

teacher

chunk

author

chunk

C Read each sentence aloud. Your partner marks the circle when every long word is right.

1. Pack a radish in your lunchbox. ○

2. The bishop saw a panther in the zoo. ○

On your own: sh, ch, th: two letters, one sound

New words first, then words at work. Use the routine; your partner only marks.

A Read each word aloud. Your partner marks how it went.

		right	fixed it	needed help
1	**bashful**	○	○	○
2	**gather**	○	○	○
3	**merchant**	○	○	○
4	**thimble**	○	○	○
5	**selfish**	○	○	○
6	**chopstick**	○	○	○
7	**pathway**	○	○	○

Words right (fixed it counts as right): _____ / 7

B Read each sentence with both words. Circle the word that makes sense.

1. A ___ sells things at the market. — **merchant** / **thimble**

2. Pick up the noodles with a ___. — **chopstick** / **selfish**

3. Put a ___ on your finger when you sew. — **thimble** / **pathway**

Read it for real

Read the story aloud. Answer the questions. Spell two words.

The Lunchbox Mystery

At lunch, Sam opened his lunchbox and found only a mushroom inside. "Who took my sandwich?" he asked. His teacher looked under the desk. A small panther puppet sat there with crumbs on its paws. "The puppet did it," laughed Sam's friend Nia, who was holding the puppet. She gave back the sandwich, and Sam shared half of it with her.

READING STRIPS · READ EACH LINE THREE TIMES; TICK A BOX EACH TIME

a small panther puppet | under the desk ☐ ☐ ☐

crumbs | on its paws ☐ ☐ ☐

half of it | with her ☐ ☐ ☐

1. What was in the lunchbox?

2. Who took the sandwich?

Spell it: your partner says a word. You say its chunks or parts, then write it.

1. _____

2. _____

PARTNER: TICK EACH LONG WORD READ CORRECTLY

☐ lunchbox ☐ mushroom ☐ teacher ☐ panther

Lesson 1 answers

sh, ch, th: two letters, one sound

Warm-up	ship, chin, moth
I do	radish (rad|ish)
We do	panther (pan|ther), bishop (bish|op), lunchbox (lunch|box), withdraw (with|draw)
Sentences	"Pack a radish in your lunchbox." "The bishop saw a panther in the zoo."
Watch for	Splitting the two letters between chunks ("pant-her", "bis-hop") or saying both letters ("s-h"). Underline the pair: "Two letters, one sound. They stay in one chunk."
Practice A	sh as in ship: cashew, mushroom, worship · ch as in chin: rancher, chapel, orchard · th as in moth: method, bathrobe, python
Practice B	ban | ish (closed + closed); shell | fish (closed + closed); teach | er (vowel team + r-controlled); au | thor (vowel team + r-controlled)
On your own A	bashful (bash|ful); gather (gath|er); merchant (mer|chant); thimble (thim|ble); selfish (self|ish); chopstick (chop|stick); pathway (path|way).
On your own B	1 merchant · 2 chopstick · 3 thimble
Story	1. Only a mushroom. 2. Nia, with the panther puppet.
Dictation	radish (rad | ish), panther (pan | ther)

THE FULL BOOK

The full Digraphs & Blends Across Syllables has two more lessons (ck, tch, ng, ph and wh; then blends that start a chunk), a quick check, a final check with ten new words, word cards, a progress record and a correction guide.