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### Phonics Fact

*Ch* is a digraph. Digraphs are two letters put together to make a single sound, such as the *ch* sound in **chilly**, **chick**, and **chimp**. What other *ch* words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!

One **chilly** day, **Chick** went to visit his **chum**, **Chimp**.

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**Chimp** and **Chick** chatted. They played **chess** and **checkers**. They read a **chapter** book. All of this made the two **chums** very hungry!

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### Phonics Fact

The digraph *ch* can also appear at the end of a word such as **lunch**. Can you find another word on this page that ends in *ch*? Check the rest of the book, too!

(Answer: **munch**)

So **Chimp** and **Chick** decided to make some **lunch**.

“What should we **munch**?” **cheeped Chick**.

“You **choose**,” answered **Chimp**.

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“OK,” cheeped Chick. “I choose cheddar cheese!”

So Chimp got cheddar cheese.

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"I choose cherries!" cheeped Chick.  
So **Chimp** got cherries.

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"I choose chili!" cheeped Chick.  
So **Chimp** got **chili**.  
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"I choose chips!" cheeped Chick.  
So **Chimp** got chips.

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"I choose chestnuts!" cheeped Chick.  
So **Chimp** got **chestnuts**.  
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"I choose chocolate!" cheeped Chick.  
So **Chimp** got chocolate.

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“This food looks delicious,” said **Chimp cheerfully**.

“But how do we turn it into our **lunch**?”

“I have an idea!” **cheeped Chick**.

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**Chick** took the **cheddar cheese** and **cherries** and **chili** and **chips** and **chestnuts** and **chocolate** and made a huge **sandwich!**

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**Chimp** poured some **punch**. Then the two **chums** plopped down in **chairs** and shared the **sandwich**. **Crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch!**

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"Mmmm! What a **charming** meal!"  
**cheeped Chick.**

"Yes," **chuckled Chimp.** "It's the best **lunch**  
I have ever **munched!**"

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# CH Riddles

Listen to the riddles. Then match each with the right **ch** word from the box. (Hint: Sometimes the **ch** appears at the end of the word.)

## Word Box

chick      cheese      cherry      checkers      chair  
chuckle      chimp      chilly      lunch      crunch

- 1 This is another name for *monkey*.
- 2 It means almost the same thing as *laugh*.
- 3 This sweet, red fruit is small with a long stem.
- 4 One person can sit on it.
- 5 You eat this meal in the middle of the day.
- 6 People put this on top of pizza and burgers.
- 7 This sound is made when you bite into an apple.
- 8 This board game has red and black playing pieces.
- 9 It means almost the same thing as *cold*.
- 10 This is the name for a baby chicken.





# CH Cheer

Hooray for *c-h*, the best sound around!

Let's holler *c-h* words all over town!

There's **chimp** and **chick** and **chair** and **chore**.

There's **charm** and **child** and so many more—

Like **chip** and **cheese** and **brunch** and **lunch**

And **rich** and **peach** and **munch** and **crunch!**

*C-h, c-h*, give a great **cheer**,

For the most **charming** sound you ever will hear!



Make a list of other words that have *ch* at the beginning or the end. Then use them in your cheer.