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Words With Consonant Teams

ch tch ck ng ph qu sh th th wh

Eight of the ten consonant teams introduced on the preceding page represent one sound. The consonant teams *qu* and *wh* are the only consonant teams which represent two sounds blended together instead of a single sound; the team *qu* represents the sounds /kw/, and the team *wh* can represent either the sound /w/ or the sounds /hw/. Consonant letter blends are composed of individual letters clustered together which all retain their own individual sounds. Unlike the individual letters in consonant blends, the letters in consonant teams do not represent their own sounds and instead the letters within the team join together as one unit to represent an entirely different sound. Consonant blends are not underlined in this program. **Always underline consonant teams.**

The letter teams *tch*, *ck*, and *ng* must be preceded by a short vowel: *match*, *lock*, *bring*. (The word *watch* is the only exception to this rule.)

The consonant team *wh* can be pronounced in one of two ways: *wh* = /w/ or /hw/. While each of these sounds is equally acceptable, the /w/ sound is the more common sound used by most people today.

Students should memorize these ten consonant teams. Notice that seven out of the ten consonant teams contain the letter *h*.

Nonsense Words

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1. vang leck hotch shub litch
2. seng thiff whuv thoss thab
3. tetch sholl whaff quiss ong
4. thip wheck chell thoss chup
5. gack phep shem thod meng