

Spelling list: Using *tch* to spell the /ch/ sound

In English, the way we write the *ch* sound can sometimes be a bit tricky.

While we usually use the letters *ch* to spell this sound, for example in words like *church* or *chat* , in some words, like *watch* or *catch* , we use *tch* instead. This happens when there's a short sound just before the *ch* sound.

This rule applies to longer words too. For instance, the word *kitchen* has a short /i/ sound followed by *tch* and the word *butcher* has a short /u/ sound followed by *tch* .

So, if you ever hear a short vowel sound before a *ch* sound, you will know to look out for the *tch* spelling. You can use the different spelling activities and games that come with list to test yourself on this rule.

hatch	The eggs began to hatch .
latch	The old door is fitted with a brass latch .
snatch	The boy needed to learn not to snatch toys from other children.
watch	I like to watch television.
stretch	Make sure you stretch before you go for a run.
witch	The witch chanted a powerful incantation.
stitch	Dan stitched up the torn seam of his coat.
crutch	The injured man used a crutch .
clutch	Push the clutch all the way in before you change gear.
kitchen	We prepare food in the kitchen .
butcher	The butcher sells meat in his shop.
hatchet	A hatchet is a small axe.
ketchup	John likes ketchup on his food.
match	I hope we win the match .