

## Spelling list: Using *ch* to spell the /k/ sound

Throughout its history, the English language has taken words from different languages. These borrowed words usually come with their own spelling rules. This means that in English the same sound can be spelt in a variety of ways.

Although this might seem daunting – our spelling activities will have you confident with English's weird and wonderful spelling rules in no time!

This list looks at words of Greek origin where the letter *chi* ( $\chi$ ) was used to represent the hard /k/ sound. If you want to learn how to say this sound, you can click on the speaker icons or try the *Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check* activity.

Alternatively, as you learn these words, you could try saying them aloud with a /ch/ sound instead of a /k/ sound to help you remember their spellings.

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| ache      | Unripe fruit can give you stomach <b>ache</b> .                   |
| anchor    | The ship dropped <b>anchor</b> in the bay.                        |
| chaos     | The car crash caused <b>chaos</b> on the busy road.               |
| chemist   | The local <b>chemist</b> will have the right medicine for you.    |
| chorus    | I've been chosen to sing in the <b>chorus</b> .                   |
| echo      | My voice created an <b>echo</b> in the cave.                      |
| monarch   | Before Queen Elizabeth II, the <b>monarch</b> was King George VI. |
| orchid    | An <b>orchid</b> has unusually shaped flowers.                    |
| scheme    | They were part of a car pooling <b>scheme</b> .                   |
| stomach   | Unripe fruit can give you <b>stomach</b> ache.                    |
| architect | The new store will be designed by a top <b>architect</b> .        |
| character | I like a person with a friendly <b>character</b> .                |
| chemistry | The student passed all his <b>chemistry</b> exams.                |
| cholera   | <b>Cholera</b> is a terrible disease.                             |

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| orchestra  | The <b>orchestra</b> played softly in the background. |
| mechanic   | A good <b>mechanic</b> can fix any make of car.       |
| technical  | A <b>technical</b> fault set off the fire alarm.      |
| technology | Computer <b>technology</b> is changing the world.     |
| school     | <b>School</b> starts at the same time each day.       |