

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