Consonant Digraph Word-Building Worksheet: sh, ch, th Practice

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Picture clue: a large boat that travels on the sea. Blank spaces: _ _ p. Word bank: ship, chip, thin. Build the word and write it using the convention.

Answer: ship

Reason: The clue describes a ship. The word bank contains ship, which begins with the digraph sh. The blank spaces show the digraph at the beginning, so sh completes the word.

Check: Say the word aloud and confirm it names the boat. Compare with the word bank. Check that s is x-height and h has an ascender, and that the two letters sit close together.

Task 2

Picture clue: a word used before a noun to point to one specific thing, as in 'the cup on the table'. Blank spaces: _ _ e. Word bank: the, she, thin. Build the word and write it using the convention.

Answer: the

Reason: The clue describes the word the, which begins with the digraph th. The word bank contains the, and the blank spaces show two letters before e, so th completes the word.

Check: Read the completed word aloud and confirm it is the and that it begins with th. Compare with the word bank. Check handwriting: t is x-height, h has an ascender, and the two letters sit close together.

Task 3

Picture clue: the meal eaten in the middle of the day. Blank spaces: l u _ _ . Word bank: lunch, brush, moth. Build the word and write it using the convention.

Answer: lunch

Reason: The clue describes lunch. The word bank contains lunch, which ends with the digraph ch. The blank spaces show the digraph at the end, so ch completes the word.

Check: Say the word aloud and confirm it names the midday meal. Compare with the word bank. Check that c is x-height and h has an ascender, and that the digraph letters are close together.

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Task 4

Picture clue: a small flying insect that is active at night and attracted to light. Blank spaces: m o _ _ . Word bank: moth, math, fish. Build the word and write it using the convention.

Answer: moth

Reason: The clue describes a moth. The word bank contains moth, which ends with the digraph th. The blank spaces show the digraph at the end, so th completes the word.

Check: Say the word aloud and confirm it names the insect. Compare with the word bank. Check that t is x-height and h has an ascender, and that the digraph letters are close together.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Digraph accuracy: the correct digraph (sh, ch, or th) is used in each word.
- [ ] Word meaning: the completed word matches the picture clue description.
- [ ] Spelling: the completed word matches the word bank entry.
- [ ] Handwriting convention: x-height letters touch the baseline and reach the midline; h has an ascender; digraph letters sit close together.
- [ ] Style flexibility: printed, joined, or rounded letter styles are accepted if legible and consistent.
- [ ] Neatness: spaces between words are roughly one lowercase o wide, measured on the learner's own paper.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?