Consonant Clusters

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Some words pack **three or four consonants** together: **str**e**tch**, le**ngth**, **scr**a**mbl**e. Break the word into chunks to spell it.

Chunk it: scr + am + ble · spl + in + ter · str + ength



1. This week's words

Read each word aloud. Then cover it, write it on scrap paper and check.

scratch **stretch** **strength** **length** **sprinkle** **splendid**
scramble **struggle** **instruct** **strange** **splinter** **scribble**

2. Circle the correct spelling

One word in each row is spelled correctly. Circle it.

1. (a) scratch (b) scrach (c) scrtach
2. (a) lenth (b) length (c) legnth
3. (a) strenth (b) stregnth (c) strength
4. (a) sprinkle (b) sprinkel (c) sprinke
5. (a) strugle (b) struggle (c) sturggle
6. (a) splintr (b) spinter (c) splinter
7. (a) scribble (b) scribbel (c) scibble
8. (a) straingе (b) strange (c) stange

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3. Use the words

Circle the spelling word that completes each sentence.

1. Cats like to _____ the couch. — scratch / instruct / length
2. _____ some sugar on top of the pancakes. — Struggle / Sprinkle / Stretch
3. I got a _____ in my finger from the old fence. — strength / scramble / splinter
4. We _____ before gym class so we don't get hurt. — stretch / scribble / strange

4. Write it right

Write a sentence using each word.

1. strength

_____

2. strange

_____

3. scramble

_____

Answer Key

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2. Circle the correct spelling

1. (a) **scratch** (b) scrach (c) scrtach
2. (a) lenth (b) **length** (c) legnth
3. (a) strenth (b) stregnth (c) **strength**
4. (a) **sprinkle** (b) sprinkel (c) sprinke
5. (a) strugle (b) **struggle** (c) sturggle
6. (a) splintr (b) spinter (c) **splinter**
7. (a) **scribble** (b) scribbel (c) scibble
8. (a) strainge (b) **strange** (c) stange

3. Use the words

1. Cats like to **scratch** the couch. — scratch | instruct | length
2. **Sprinkle** some sugar on top of the pancakes. — Struggle | Sprinkle | Stretch
3. I got a **splinter** in my finger from the old fence. — strength | scramble | splinter
4. We **stretch** before gym class so we don't get hurt. — stretch | scribble | strange

4. Write it right

Sentences will vary. These are examples.

1. strength
   It takes strength to lift the box.
2. strange
   We heard a strange noise in the attic.
3. scramble
   Dad will scramble eggs for breakfast.