Trigraphs

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **trigraph** is **three letters** that make **one sound**: ca**tch**, bri**dge**, n**igh**t.

Short vowel clue: after a short vowel, use **tch** (match) and **dge** (badge). After a long vowel or a consonant, use **ch** (beach, lunch) and **ge** (cage).



1. Add the trigraph

Circle the trigraph that completes the word.

1. Can you ca_____ the ball? (tch) (dge) (igh)
2. We walked across the old stone bri_____. (igh) (dge) (tch)
3. The stars shine at n_____t. (tch) (dge) (igh)
4. Light the candle with a ma_____. (igh) (tch) (dge)
5. The police officer wore a shiny ba_____. (dge) (igh) (tch)
6. The kite flew very h_____ in the sky. (dge) (tch) (igh)
7. The bird sat on the le_____ of the window. (igh) (tch) (dge)

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2. ch or tch?

Circle the correct spelling.

1. We built sandcastles at the bea_____. (ch) (tch)
2. I have an i_____ on my arm. (ch) (tch)
3. We ate lun_____ under a tree. (tch) (ch)
4. Dad likes to wa_____ the hockey game. (ch) (tch)

Answer Key

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1. Add the trigraph

1. Can you ca**tch** the ball? — tch ✓ | dge | igh
2. We walked across the old stone bri**dge**. — igh | dge ✓ | tch
3. The stars shine at ni**gh**t. — tch | dge | igh ✓
4. Light the candle with a ma**tch**. — igh | tch ✓ | dge
5. The police officer wore a shiny ba**dge**. — dge ✓ | igh | tch
6. The kite flew very h**igh** in the sky. — dge | tch | igh ✓
7. The bird sat on the le**dge** of the window. — igh | tch | dge ✓

2. ch or tch?

1. We built sandcastles at the bea**ch**. — ch ✓ | tch
2. I have an i**tch** on my arm. — ch | tch ✓
3. We ate lun**ch** under a tree. — tch | ch ✓
4. Dad likes to wa**tch** the hockey game. — ch | tch ✓