# Science of Reading Aligned WORD LADDERS INITIAL & FINAL DIGRAPHS



## 52 Phonics Activities

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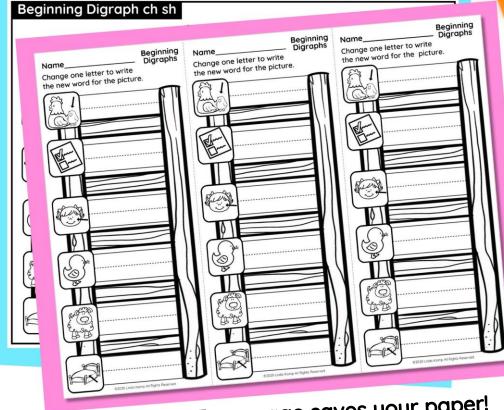
## This resource includes:

**18** Printable word ladders with picture prompts for each short vowel + mixed review

**18** Projectable word ladders with guiding picture prompts

**16** Projectable word ladders with starting prompt then students generate their own words





\*Printing 3 per page saves your paper!



# **ALSO INCLUDES:**

### **Guided teacher scripts & answer** keys for each word ladder activity

#### Ending Digraph -ck

#### **Teacher Directions**

kick SAP

Read the following directions aloud to student: them in completing their word ladders.

#### Beginning Digraph ch sh

chick

check

cheek

cheep

sheep

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#### **Teacher Directions**

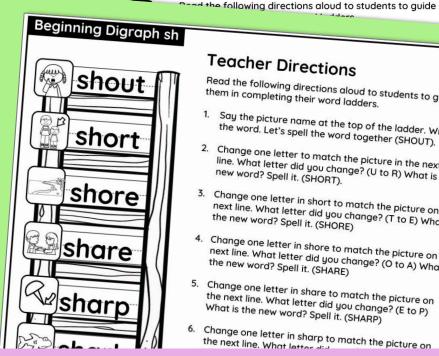
Read the following directions aloud to students to guide them in completing their word ladders.

- Say the picture name at the top of the ladder. Write
- the word. Let's spell the word together (CHICK). 1.
- 2. Change one letter to match the picture in the next line. What letter did you change? (I to E) What is the new word? Spell it. (CHECK).

Change one letter in check to match the picture on

- the next line. What letter did you change? (C to E) 3. What is the new word? Spell it. (CHEEK)
- 4. Change one letter in cheek to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (K to P)
- What is the new word? Spell it. (CHEEP)

- Change one letter in cheep to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (C to S) 5. What is the new word? Spell it. (SHEEP)
- 6. Change one letter in sheep to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (P to T) What is the new word? Spell it. (SHEET)



Ending Digraphs -sh -th

**Teacher Directions** 

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Read the following directions aloud to students to guide them in completing their word ladders.

- 1. Say the picture name at the top of the ladder. Write the word. Let's spell the word together (SHOUT).
- 2. Change one letter to match the picture in the next line. What letter did you change? (U to R) What is the new word? Spell it. (SHORT).
- Change one letter in short to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (T to E) What is the new word? Spell it. (SHORE)
- 4. Change one letter in shore to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (O to A) What is the new word? Spell it. (SHARE)
- 5. Change one letter in share to match the picture on the next line. What letter did you change? (E to P) What is the new word? Spell it. (SHARP)
- 6. Change one letter in sharp to match the picture on the next line. What letter did

# Why use Word Ladders?

# **BENEFITS:**

A fun and easy way to practice phoneme substitution and build phonemic awareness

Supports decoding and encoding skills for reading and spelling practice



Words move in a progression that requires higher-level thinking



# When to use Word Ladders

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During phonics lessons as practice or review

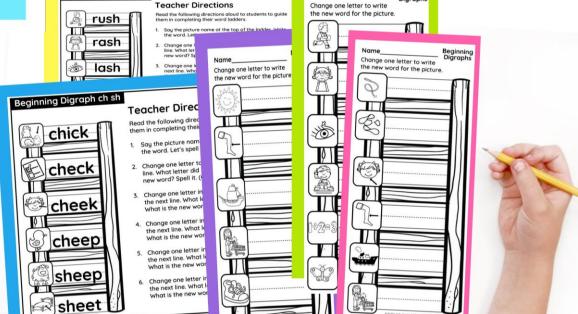
Perfect for literacy centers

Ideal for small groups and interventions

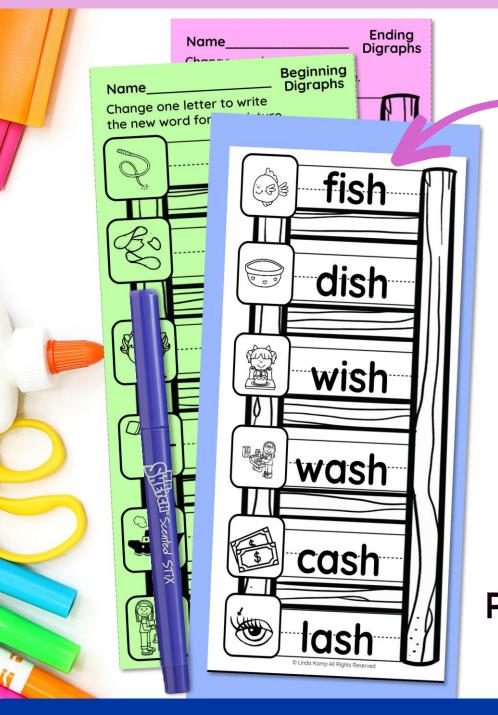
> Ending Digraphs



★ Fun for fast finishers



# Easy prep phonics centers!



## MAKE SELF-CHECKING - PHONICS CENTERS!

- Print ladders on colored paper.
- Glue the answer key to the back and laminate
- Place the ladders on a ring and into your center!
- **PRO TIP:** Use fine line Mr. Sketch markers to write. They're water-based & wipe off with a damp paper towel!

# Includes differentiated practice

## **34** Projectable word ladders on PowerPoint + Google Slides in **2 levels**



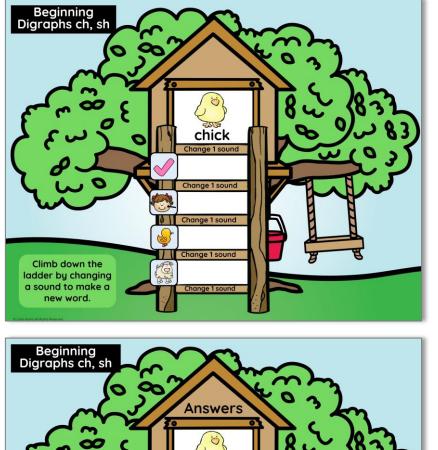


Or use the 1-picture prompt version for students to generate their own words!

Easily differentiate with a 5-picture prompt version

Students climb up or down the ladder to the treehouse!

# How to use projectable Word Ladders



chick

check

cheek

cheep

sheep

Climb down the

ladder by changing

a sound to make a new word.

# partner play during centers! Model phoneme substitution Demonstrate for students

Demonstrate for students how to use the printable word ladders

**Project them on your** 

whiteboard for students

to write on!

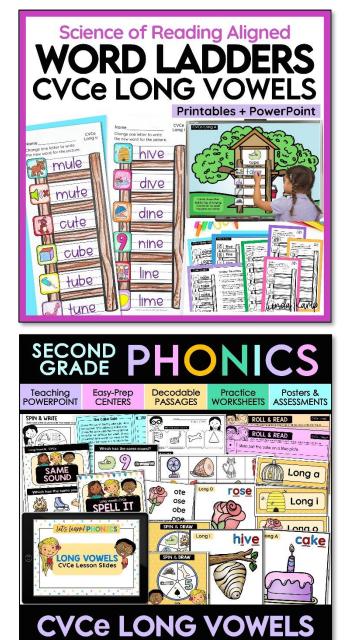
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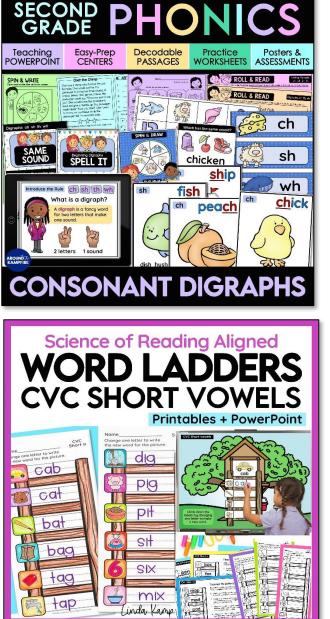
Ideal for whole class practice

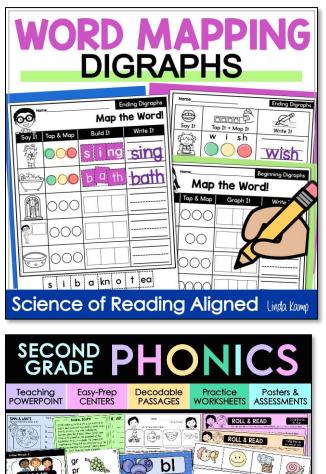
Self-checking answer slides give students instant feedback

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**INITIAL BLENDS** 

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