

Dyslexia Steps Free printable worksheets

Sh words worksheets

6 pages · 42 words on the full list · answer key on the last page

Name: Date:

For the grown-up: do one page a day, about 5 to 10 minutes. Read each instruction aloud, then let your child do the work. Praise careful tries, not speed. Scan the code at the bottom to hear every word and play the free listening game. Answers are on page 6.

1 Read and re-read

Read each word. Say the sounds, then the whole word. Tick a box each time you read it.

	1	2	3		1	2	3
ship	☐	☐	☐	shelf	☐	☐	☐
fish	☐	☐	☐	dash	☐	☐	☐
shop	☐	☐	☐	shin	☐	☐	☐
dish	☐	☐	☐	mash	☐	☐	☐
shed	☐	☐	☐	shut	☐	☐	☐
wish	☐	☐	☐	wash	☐	☐	☐
shell	☐	☐	☐	shall	☐	☐	☐
cash	☐	☐	☐	push	☐	☐	☐

Tip: read the list on three different days. By the third tick, most words should come quickly.

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2 Sound boxes

Say the word slowly. Write one sound in each box. Then read the word again.

Tip: push a coin or button into each box as you say each sound, then write. Some sounds are spelled with two or three letters (sh, ck, ee, igh): they share one box.

shy example	sh | y
bush	☐ ☐ ☐
shoe	☐ ☐
rush	☐ ☐ ☐
show	☐ ☐
hush	☐ ☐ ☐
sheep	☐ ☐ ☐
mesh	☐ ☐ ☐
shark	☐ ☐ ☐

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3 Missing letters

Write the missing sh in each word. Then read the word.

Sound box: sh

1. ____ arp
   write it: _____
2. ____ are
   write it: _____
3. ____ ape
   write it: _____
4. tra ____
   write it: _____
5. ____ ake
   write it: _____
6. bru ____
   write it: _____
7. fla ____
   write it: _____
8. fre ____
   write it: _____
9. ____ ade
   write it: _____
10. spla ____
    write it: _____

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4 Word sort

Read each word in the box. Write it under the heading where it belongs, then cross it out in the box.

wish cash ship shed shell dash fish shelf dish shop

Sh at the beginning	Sh at the end

Tip: read the heading word out loud first, then each word in the box. Do they sound alike?

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5 Read the sentences

Read each sentence out loud. Underline the sh words. Tick the box when you can read the sentence smoothly.

1. A fish is in the dish. ☐
2. I wish I had a red shell. ☐
3. Shut the shed and the shop. ☐
4. The sheep is in the shade. ☐
5. A shark has a big fin. ☐
6. Wash the dish and the cup. ☐
7. Push the ship to the shore. ☐
8. Hush, the cat is on the shelf. ☐
9. Brush the mud off the shoe. ☐

Great reading! You finished the pack.



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Answer key

For the grown-up. Check together and keep it light: a mistake shows which sound to practise next.

2. Sound boxes

1. **bush** b | u | sh
2. **shoe** sh | oe
3. **rush** r | u | sh
4. **show** sh | ow
5. **hush** h | u | sh
6. **sheep** sh | ee | p
7. **mesh** m | e | sh
8. **shark** sh | ar | k

3. Missing letters

1. **sharp** — sh
2. **share** — sh
3. **shape** — sh
4. **trash** — sh
5. **shake** — sh
6. **brush** — sh
7. **flash** — sh
8. **fresh** — sh
9. **shade** — sh
10. **splash** — sh

4. Word sort

Sh at the beginning: ship, shop, shed, shell, shelf

Sh at the end: fish, dish, wish, cash, dash

5. Underlined words

1. fish, dish
2. wish, shell
3. Shut, shed, shop
4. sheep, shade
5. shark
6. Wash, dish
7. Push, ship, shore
8. Hush, shelf
9. Brush, shoe

Next step: words that were hard today go on tomorrow's re-read list. When the whole pack feels easy, move on to the next list at dyslexiasteps.com/digraphs/sh (see "Practise next").

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