Phonics Focus

O Sounds and Spellings: ch, tch, wh



chair



watch



wheel

Listen and Learn

Listen to the picture words. Write the correct letters to complete each word.

1.



___ eese

2.



pi ___ __

3.



__ ale

4.



___ imp

Talk Together

Listen and read. Find the words with ch, tch, or wh in the story.

Over to You

Sunny or Rainy?

"What is it like outside?" asked Chico.

Sancho checked. "It's sunny," he said.

"I think it's warm but not hot."

"Great! Let's play ball," said Chico.

The boys went out to play. They pitched the ball back and forth. They did not see the sky get cloudy. The temperature got cool. The sunny day changed to a rainy day.

The boys raced home.

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"What can we do now?" asked Chico.

"We could play checkers," said Sancho.

"That is a good game for a rainy day."

Work with a partner.

Take turns. Find a word with the spellings ch, tch, or wh. Say the word. Have your partner find it in the passage and read the sentence.

Read "Sunny or Rainy?" with a partner. Practice reading words with the spellings ch, tch, and wh.

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Word Work

Compound Words

raindrop	snowflake		
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rain + drop = raindrop	snow + flake = snowflake		

Put the meanings of two words together to understand a **compound word**.

A drop is a small amount.

rain + drop • A raindrop is a small amount of rain.

Try It Together

Put these words together to make compound words. Use what you know about each word to tell what it means.

fire	+	flies	2	fireflies
Kiko	+	berries	=	Kikoberries
moon	+	light	=	moonlight

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Making Connections Learn more about how weather can be wild.

Genre In an **interview**, one person asks questions while another person answers them.

Chasing Storms with Tim Samaras

by Jennifer Tetzloff

Most people run from tornadoes. Not Tim Samaras. He was a storm chaser.

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What is a storm chaser?



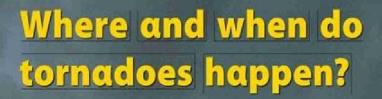
A storm chaser follows thunderstorms that create tornadoes to learn more about them.



What is a tornado?

A tornado starts as a powerful thunderstorm. The storm creates spinning, funnel-shaped clouds. If the clouds touch the ground, then it is a tornado.

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Tornadoes can happen anywhere. Most tornadoes happen between March and August.

Why do storm chasers study tornadoes?

Tornadoes are dangerous. Learning about tornadoes helps keep people safe. �

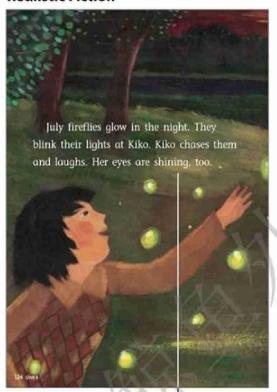


Respond and Extend

Compare Genres

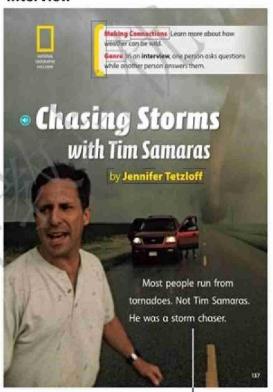
How are the words in "A Year for Kiko" and "Chasing Storms with Tim Samaras" different?

Realistic Fiction



has sensory details and characters

Interview



has facts about real people



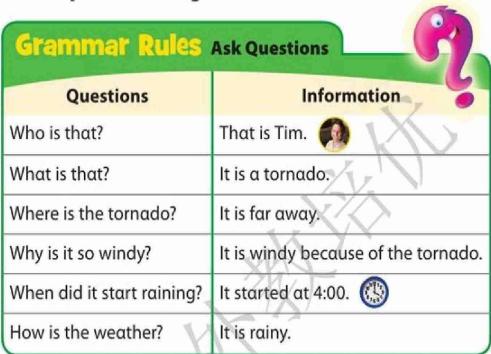
Think about what you read. What's wild about weather?

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Ask Questions

Ask a question to get information.



Read a Sentence

What information do these questions ask about? How do you know?

- I. Who was a storm chaser?
- 2. How does a tornado start?

Write a Sentence



Write a question for a storm chaser. Ask for information about this job.

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