


# -TCH

The letter *t* is added to the *ch* only in those words which end in the *ch* sound AND are preceded by a short vowel. So, like *-ff/-ll/-ss/-zz, -dge* and the *-ck*, the *-tch* formation is a device needed to retain the short vowel sound when a suffix is added which begins with a vowel. The mouth is already in the *t* position as you begin to say the *ch*, so the addition of the *t* does not distort the sound.

In other words, the *t* is added in order to “close” the syllable. Otherwise, catching would sound like *ca-ching* with a long *a*, as in *wa-ving, li-king, etc.* With the added *t*, catching becomes *cat-ching* (in speech, not in the dictionary divisions of syllables), with an obvious short *a*. The extra letter is not needed when the *ch* is preceded by a two-letter vowel pattern or a consonant. This rule can also be paraphrased this way: “Short word, short vowel ending in the *ch* sound; use **-tch.**”

batch		etch	itch	Scotch
catch		sketch	ditch	botch
hatch		wretch(ed)	hitch	blotch
latch		fetch	pitch	notch
match		retch	witch	Dutch
patch		ketch	stitch	cluAtch
snatch		stretch	switch	
thatch			twitch	crutch
scratch				hutch
dispatch				
watch				

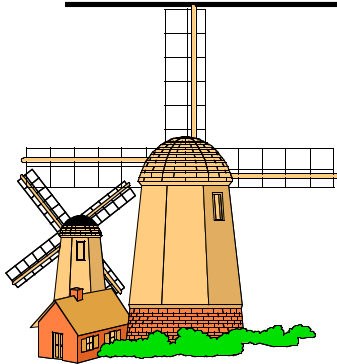
**EXCEPTIONS (no *t* after short vowel): (no workbook page)**

*which*            *rich*  
*such*            *much*            *attach*

Which **rich** Dickens character had so **much** money that he became as **attached** to it as most people do to their families? **Such** a shame!!



## **-TCH** (workbook p. 146-147)



Every morning before dawn, inside a tiny cottage with a **thatched** roof, an old **Dutch** fisherman named **Notch** **clutches** his **crutch** and gets ready for the day's **catch**. Then he **fetches** his hat and **snatches** a **batch** of **Dutch** chocolates from the **hutch**. He puts on his **itchy patched** coat and his wooden shoes and makes his way to the sea.

Even in the **pitch** dark, the old **Dutchman** can cross the **ditch** that **stretches** the length of the fields, **unhitch** the ropes, and **unlatch** the **hatch** on his **scratched** old **ketch**. As he works, the gentleness of his spirit softens his **blotchy twitching** face as he quietly sings "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a **wretch** like me..."

**Notch** started **stitching** the fishing nets for his father when he was just a small boy. Every evening, he sat on the dock and **sketched** the boats as he **watched** the fishermen arrive. The sight of his father waving to him as he pulled in the harbor is **etched** in his mind forever. To him, this was not a **wretched** life, full of danger and hardship. He **itched** to go to sea himself as soon as he was old enough.

When the fishermen would **dispatch** him to town with news of the **catch**, he ran like the wind, eager to do his best. They all called him "**Notch**" because each day his father came home safely, they put a little **notch** in the mast of the boat.

When the time finally came to prove himself, **Notch** was careful not to **botch** his chance. Other boys **retched** with seasickness, but **Notch switched** nets like a man. And when a **Scotch** fisherman teased the boys about sea **witches**, **Notch** comforted the other boys with the truth.

Now, in his old age, **Notch** teaches the young **Dutch** boys his trade and tells them of his many amazing adventures during his sixty years at sea.

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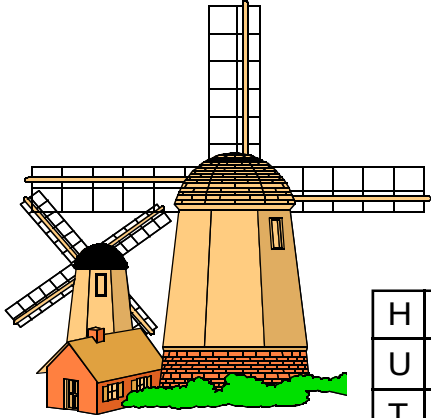
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When the fishermen would \_\_\_\_\_ him to town with news of the \_\_\_\_\_, he ran like the wind, eager to do his best. They called him “\_\_\_\_\_” because each day that his father came home safely, he put a little \_\_\_\_\_ in the mast of the boat. When the time finally came to prove himself, \_\_\_\_\_ was careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ his chance. Other boys \_\_\_\_\_ with seasickness, but \_\_\_\_\_ nets like a man. And when a \_\_\_\_\_ fisherman teased the boys about sea \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ comforted the other boys with the truth..

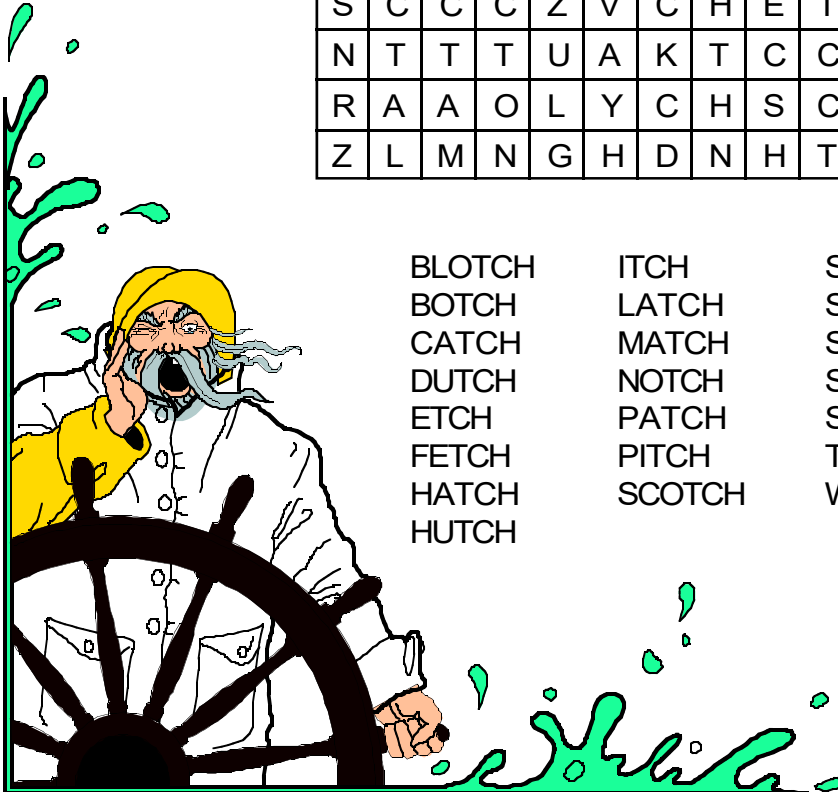
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|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|
| thatched  | hutch    | unlatch   | witches  | unhitch | ditch     |
| pitch     | switched | etched    | itchy    | crutch  | twitching |
| stitching | sketched | Notch     | botch    | Dutch   | scratched |
| Notch     | Dutchman | Scotch    | hatch    | catch   | batch     |
| Notch     | wretched | stretches | blotchy  | itched  | ketch     |
| Notch     | catch    | Dutch     | snatches | wretch  | patched   |
| dispatch  | retched  | watched   | clutches | notch   | fetches   |



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H	P	B	C	U	D	H	I	T	C	H	J	W	O	U
U	A	X	L	L	P	U	A	C	M	E	R	U	N	S
T	T	H	T	O	S	C	T	T	D	U	D	U	N	R
C	C	C	E	F	T	C	H	C	C	A	N	E	L	Y
H	H	H	O	H	H	C	R	C	H	H	A	K	R	W
P	G	Y	R	W	C	C	H	A	T	G	W	B	L	J
I	F	H	I	A	D	T	T	U	T	O	T	X	L	F
T	B	C	P	T	V	M	I	A	K	C	B	Y	M	H
C	Z	T	Z	C	X	H	X	W	N	Z	H	S	H	S
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B	H	H	H	R	G	C	S	O	F	I	T	R	C	H
S	C	C	C	Z	V	C	H	E	T	O	E	T	C	Y
N	T	T	T	U	A	K	T	C	C	T	A	T	U	Q
R	A	A	O	L	Y	C	H	S	C	H	A	J	X	T
Z	L	M	N	G	H	D	N	H	T	C	E	L	T	F



BLOTCH  
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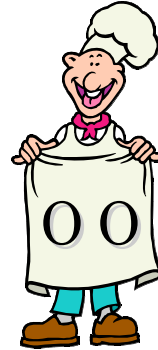
## **-OO-** OF COOK, DOOR, AND FLOOD (wb p. 111)



### **-OO- OF COOK**

Captain Cook's cook hooked his foot on some crooked wood near the brook. He shook the soot off his wool hood and took some wood to the nook. Then he stood and looked at his new cookie cookbook.

Captain Cook's cook was a good cook but had been a crook since childhood when he met Captain Hook. Cook took a rook from Hook's chess set and hoofed it out of town, taking his dog Woof with him. He's been running ever since. I have never understood crooks.



book	cook	cookie		
nook	look	hook	took	rook
crook	crooked	shook	brook	
hoof	woof	wool		
<i>foot</i>	<i>soot</i>			

**ACTIVITY:** *Think of compound words using oo words.*

livelihood	brotherhood	neighborhood
falsehood	childhood	
barefoot	football	foothold
cookbook	pocketbook	bookkeeper

### **-OO- OF DOOR**

George Mueller swept the floor then opened his door for poor orphans.

floor	door	poor
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### **-OO- OF FLOOD**

The blood bank was flooded with donors.

<i>blood</i>	<i>flood</i>
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# **-OO- OF COOK, DOOR, FLOOD** (*wb p. 111*)

## **-OO- OF COOK**

Captain **Cook's** **cook** **hooked** his foot on some **crooked** **wood** near the **brook**. He **shook** the **soot** off his **wool** **hood** and **took** some **wood** to the **nook**. Then he **stood** and **looked** at his new **cookie** **cookbook**.

Captain **Cook's** **cook** was a **good** **cook** but had been a **crook** since **childhood** when he met Captain **Hook**. **Cook** **took** a **rook** from **Hook's** chess set and **hoofed** it out of town, taking his dog **Woof** with him. He's been running ever since. I have never **understood** **crooks**.

book	cook	cookie	took	rook
nook	look	hook	brook	
crook	crooked	shook		
hoof	woof	wool		
foot	soot			



## **-OO- OF DOOR**

George Mueller swept the **floor** then opened his **door** for **poor** orphans.

floor	door	poor
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## **-OO- OF FLOOD**

The **blood** bank was **flooded** with donors.

blood	flood
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# -OO- AS IN COOK, DOOR, AND FLOOD

## -OO- AS IN COOK



Captain \_\_\_\_\_ his  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_. Then he \_\_\_\_\_  
 and \_\_\_\_\_ at his new \_\_\_\_\_.

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 since. I've never \_\_\_\_\_.



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|--------|---------|----------|--------|------------|
| look   | cookie  | brook    | crooks | Cook's     |
| foot   | crook   | looked   | crooks | Cook's     |
| hooked | crooked | cookbook | wood   | cook       |
| book   | took    | rook     | stood  | cook       |
| soot   | took    | wool     | hoofed | Hook's     |
| cook   | good    | hood     | Woof   | understood |
| shook  | nook    | cook     | Hook   | childhood  |

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George Mueller swept the \_\_\_\_\_, then opened his \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

- floor      door      poor

## -OO- AS IN FLOOD

The \_\_\_\_\_ bank was \_\_\_\_\_ with donors.

- blood      flooded