

Tricky spellings

Remember

Some sounds can be spelt in different ways. Sometimes the /u/ sound is spelt 'ou' (**touch**). The soft /sh/ sound is sometimes spelt 'ch' (**chef**). Words with these spellings often come from French. In some words, 'y' makes a short /i/ sound as in 'is' or 'sit' (**myth**).



Practise

1 a. Circle the word where the 'ou' makes an /u/ sound.

goup cousin soup mousse

b. Circle the word where the 'ch' makes a soft /sh/ sound.

character echo chalet scheme

c. Circle the word where the 'y' makes a short /i/ sound.

money anybody beyond syrup

2 Underline the word that is spelt correctly in each pair.

a. couple cuple b. mashine machine

c. gym gim d. yung young



Extend

3 Write the missing letters in each word. Use the word to complete each sentence.

a. m _ _ s t e r _ _

The detective solved the _____ of the missing painting.

b. t r _ _ _ b l e

My friend is always getting into _____ at playtime.

c. c r o _ _ _ e t

Grandma taught me how to _____ a scarf.