

Book 9: The Whiz Kid

Curriculum Extension Activities

1. Think about, discuss, and list other things Zig Pig could have held up that start with a digraph such as “sh”, “ch”, “wh”, or “th.” Have a student try pronouncing the words listed. Now have the student try replacing the written digraph with a different one, making a nonsense word. For example, instead of “ship” the student could mistakenly say “thip.” Have students draw what the nonsense word would look like. For example, a “thip” could look like a thin ship.
2. Have the class discuss a time when a friend or relative pronounced a word wrong. How did they react? Did they laugh or did they try to give a helpful correction? Ask them to tell what the outcome was.
3. Have the children sit in a circle. Each child in turn gives the child on the right a compliment and explains what is unique about that individual.

Words with digraphs: ship, what, this, whip, shell, chip, whiz

Short e words: held, shell

Short u words: up

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