

## Worksheet 1 - The Case of the Deadly Orchid The Case of the Confusing 'ch' Blend

The word 'orchid' is spelt using the blend 'ch' - however it is not pronounced the usual 'ch' way (as in church, change or chimpanzee) rather as a 'k' sound. In the table below you will find a list of words that are also spelt using the blend 'ch' but not as it usually sounds. Read through each word and see if you can pronounce each one properly.

schedule	chrome	chronic	chemotherapy
chef	chloroform	chalet	parachute
school	champagne	chemical	moustache
chlorine	chemist	yacht	charisma
chauffeur	chandelier	chord	chassis
chronicle	chiropractor	brochure	chorus
chasm	chute	chrysalis	choir

**Task 1:** Classify each word above by identifying the sound that the 'ch' makes in that particular word. Use the following headings:

- *ch pronounced 'k'*
- *ch pronounced 'sh'*
- *ch pronounced 'qu'*
- *Silent 'ch'*

### Extension Activities:

- Research the French origins of the 'ch' blend pronounced as 'sh'. Compare to the Greek origin of 'ch' pronounced 'k'.
- Write an informative text about the structure and characteristics of orchids