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## ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK

**New phonic element** *ch* digraph

**Words with new phonic element** *bench, champ, chap, chess, Chet, Chip, chimp, chose, chump, chunk, hunch, lunch, match, pitch, ranch, rich, watch*

**Reviewed phonic elements** long vowel VCe patterns; *sh* digraph

**Story words** *better, change, checkmate, Chesterton, choose*

**Reviewed story word** *king*

**New high-frequency word** *about*

**Special considerations** inflectional endings *-ed, -s*;  
plural ending *-s*; possessive *'s*

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This is a tale about Chip the Chimp.  
Chip is the chess champ of Chesterton.  
Chip is no chump when it comes to chess.



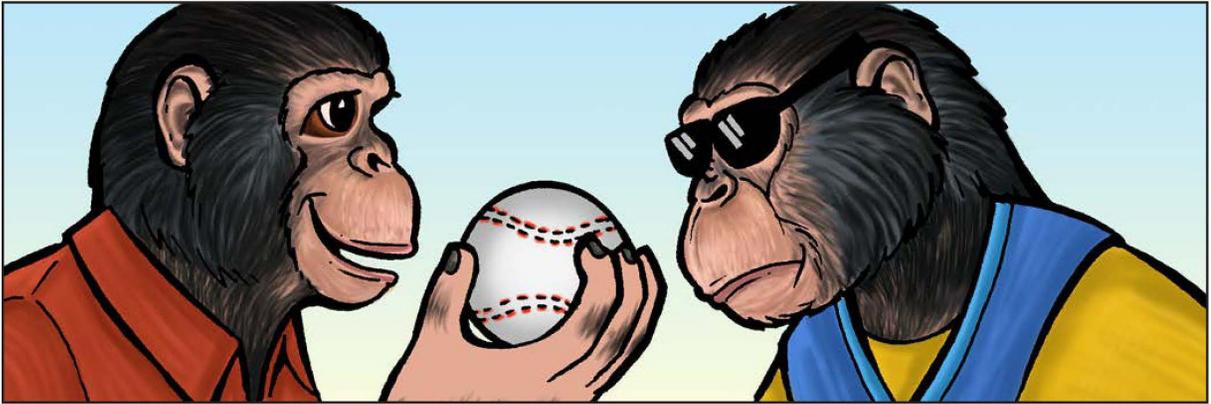
One day a chap named Chet  
came to Chesterton.  
He chose to play a game of chess with Chip.



“I am the best champ of all.  
There is no chimp who plays chess  
better than I do,” Chet said.



Chet bet a chunk of change and his ranch  
that he would win the chess match.  
He put a chunk of change on a bench.



But Chip did not have time to play.  
He had to pitch in the big game.  
Chet said, "Chimps can play chess,  
but they should not pitch."



Chet had a hunch that Chip  
did not want to play chess.  
"You think I will win, and you will look like a chump,"  
he said to Chip.



“I have no time to chat,” said Chip.  
“I choose to pitch.  
But I will play chess after lunch.”



After lunch, Chip and Chet sat down  
to play a chess match.  
A bunch of chimps came to watch.



Then Chip said, "Checkmate."  
He had Chet's king.  
Now Chet could not win the match.  
Chet was crushed.



"You are no chess chump," said Chet.  
"You are a rich champ.  
You won my ranch and a chunk of change."