"This nonfiction story explores what kids carry in their backpacks. Look for words that begin or end with digraphs like sh, th, ch, wh, and ck."



# What's in a Backpack?

A backpack can hold so much stuff!

It may hold a lunch, a brush, or a map.

Each kid may pack a snack.

They may shut the sack with a clip.

Some bags have a pouch to check.

Be sure to zip it back!

What will you pack in your backpack?



## Name:

## What's in a Backpack?

1. What kinds of things might go in a backpack?		2. What should you do after you check your	
Α.	lunch, brush, map	pouch?	
B.	shoes, pants, paint	Α.	toss it out
C	milk, boots, hats	В.	zip it back
		C	hide it
D.	dolls, fish, drums		
		D.	put in chalk

### 3. Fill in the blank:

Each kid may pack a \_\_\_\_\_.

## 4. What would you put in your own backpack for school?

5. Why is it helpful to have different pockets or pouches?





## **Coaching Guide**

**Target Skill:** All Digraphs – sh, th, ch, wh, ck **Genre:** Informational Nonfiction **High-Frequency Words:** what, in, with, each, may, back

#### **Before Reading**

- 1. Remind them of the target skill: This nonfiction story uses digraphs at the beginning and end of words.
- 2. What's something important you pack every day?
- 3. Why do people use backpacks?

#### **During Reading**

- 1. **Sounding Out Support:** Support the reader in breaking up longer words like *back–pack* and *sn–ack*—remind them to listen for digraphs.
- 2. Watch for digraphs in school-related vocabulary.
- 3. What items were listed in the backpack?
- 4. Try reading the last line with excitement—like you're packing your own!

#### After Reading

- 1. What were three things mentioned in the story that go in a backpack?
- 2. Why is checking and zipping the pouch important?
- 3. How does this story help you think about staying organized?
- 4. Highlight 5 digraph words about what's inside a backpack.
- 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again like you're telling a friend what to pack for a field trip!

#### Activity Idea

Draw a backpack open on the ground with different items inside. Label them using digraph words like *snack, brush, shut, lunch, check,* and *back.* Then write a sentence about what else you'd add to your bag.

#### **Coaching Tip**

Use everyday reading like this to make decoding practical. Tie the story to real routines so kids see reading in the world around them.



