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Phonics Fact

Sh is a digraph. Digraphs are two letters put together to make a single sound, such as the *sh* sound in **Shelly**, **shirt**, and **shorts**. What other *sh* words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!

This is **Shelly**. **She** has a favorite **shirt** and **shorts**.



Shelly also has some favorite **shoes**. **She** thinks they are really **sharp**!



Phonics Fact

The *sh* sound can also come in the middle of a word, as in **pushed**.

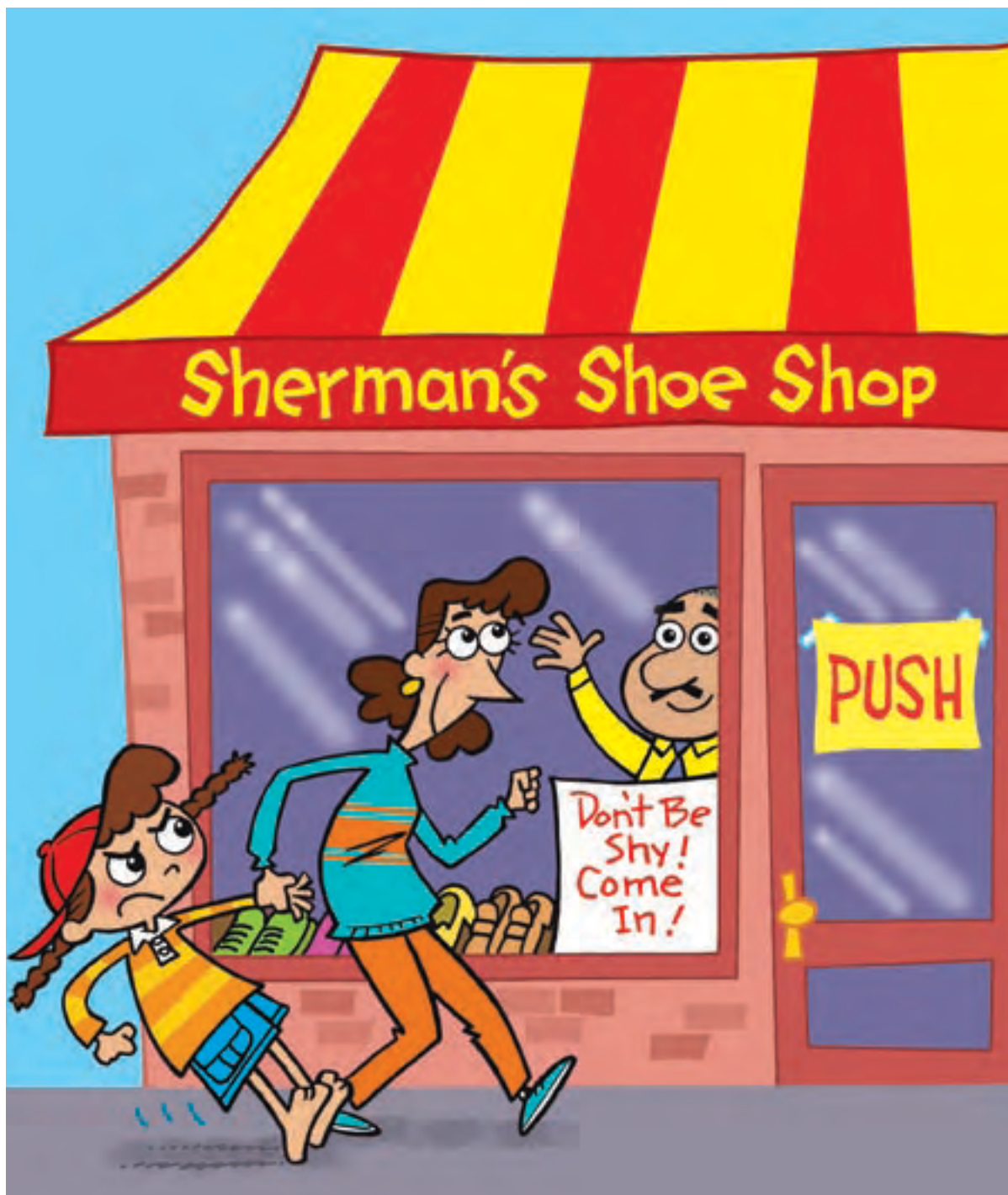
One day, **Shelly** got a **shock**. She **pushed** and **shoved** her feet into her **shoes**. But her **shoes** did not fit!



Phonics Fact

Sometimes the *sh* sound comes at the end of a word, as in **trash**.

"These **shoes** are going in the **trash**!" Mom said.
"No!" **shouted Shelly**.



"We **should** go **shopping**," Mom said. So **she** grabbed **Shelly** and **dashed** to **Sherman's shoe shop**.



"I have many **shoes** to **show** you," said the **shopkeeper**. "We have **shelves** and **shelves** of **shoes**!"



First, he **showed Shelly** some fancy **shoes**.
"Too **shiny!**" **she** said.



Then, he **showed Shelly** some pointy **shoes**.
“I don’t like the **shape!**” **she** said.



Next, he **showed Shelly** some sandals covered in **seashells**.

"These **crush** my toes!" **she** said.



Shelly tried on every **shoe** in the **shop**. But the **shoes** were either too **showy**, or too **shaky**, or they gave her a **rash**.



Shelly shut her eyes and **shed** a tear.
"I **wish** I didn't need new **shoes!**" **she** cried.



But then **Shelly** spotted one last pair on the top **shelf** in the **shadows**.

“**Gosh**,” said Mom, “those look just like your old **shoes**!”



"I know. They are really **sharp!**" **gushed Shelly.**
"We'll take the red **shoes,**" said Mom to the **shopkeeper.** "Isn't that a **shock?**"

SH Riddles

Listen to the riddles. Then match each with the right *sh* word from the box. (Hint: Sometimes the *sh* appears at the end of the word.)

Word Box

cash
wish

shut
shoes

fish
shirt

shelf
ship

shorts
shape

- 1 You wear these on your feet.
- 2 This animal has gills and swims.
- 3 You make one when you blow out your birthday candles.
- 4 It has sleeves and a collar.
- 5 You wear these when it's too hot for long pants.
- 6 This is another word for *money*.
- 7 You can put books on this.
- 8 This word means the opposite of *open*.
- 9 It sails across the sea.
- 10 It can be a triangle, a square, or a circle.



Answers: 1. shoes 2. fish 3. wish 4. shirt 5. shorts 6. cash 7. shelf 8. shut 9. ship 10. shape

SH Cheer

Hooray for *s-h*, the best sound around!

Let's holler *s-h* words all over town!

There's **shoe** and **shelf** and **splash** and **wish**.

There's **shop** and **shirt** and **push** and **fish**.

There's **shell** and **shorts** and **crush** and **dash**.

There's **shape** and **ship** and **shout** and **smash**.

S-h, s-h, give a great cheer,

For the **shiniest** sound you ever will hear!



Make a list of other words that have **sh** at the beginning or the end. Then use them in your cheer.