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# West Virginia Phonics and Word Recognition Standards Companion

## **WVCCRS ELA II: Special situations -tch Skill Set**

*This skill set provides examples for explicit teaching with educator modeling and guided practice. The skill set addresses key components that best support learners in cementing their learning and provides an opportunity for students to practice applying this skill in an authentic way. The activities each day build on the previous day's practice. The activities are designed to supplement phonics instruction in the classroom in a way that meets the needs of individual learners within a variety of instructional approaches. (Whole group, small group, intervention, etc.)*

*This skill set includes three weeks of suggested daily activities, word lists, word cards, and picture cards. The decodable reader suggested for use with the text and writing application sections can be found immediately following each week's activities. The total suggested time for each day is approximately thirty minutes.*

*Supporting documents such as an educator guide, suggested materials, and printable resources can be found [here](#) for preparation purposes. Please note that the activities and materials listed are suggestions. Both may be substituted for other activities and manipulatives found in your classroom.*

*The special situations -tch skill is first identified in West Virginia's College- and Career-Readiness Standard ELA.2.II under the Phonics and Word Recognition Cluster.*

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## Suggested Activities: Set One

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# Fetch

Mitch and his pup, Patch, like to play fetch in the glen. Mitch lobs the ball, and Patch runs through the grass to snatch it.

The ball lands by a huge pine. A sound in the brush makes Patch stop in his tracks. A twig snaps and it makes Patch's nose twitch.

Around a lush bush comes Mitch's pal, Sage, and her black lab, Quin. Quin races through the grass to snatch the ball.

Patch chases after her and yaps, but he can not catch Quin. Quin grabs the ball and runs back to Sage. She drops the ball at Sage's feet and yaps.

Mitch smiles, "Quin is good at fetch. Patch does not have the hang of it yet."

Sage grins, "He will pick it up fast. Patch is quick as a whip, just like Quin."

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“Would you like to pitch the ball while I bat?” asked Sage.

“I would love to! I bet Quin and Patch will fetch the ball for us,” said Mitch.

Sage grins, “That sounds like fun. Quin! Patch! Would you like to catch the ball for us?”

The dogs yap and race to Mitch. Mitch lobs the ball to Sage. Sage whacks the ball, and the dogs race after it. Patch is no match for Quin. Quin is quick to snatch the ball, and she runs back to Mitch.

“Good dogs!” Mitch calls as he picks up the ball. Mitch lobs the ball, but this time Patch is too fast and nabs it.

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<b>Text Application</b>	<b>Choral Reading:</b> Chorally read decodable text with students using individually distributed copies of decodable. If time allows, facilitate a discussion of students’ understanding of the text.	10
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# Sam

Mitch and Sage are playing a game of fetch with their dogs, Patch and Quin. Mitch is tossing the ball while Sage bats. After Sage hits the ball, the dogs race after it and bring it back to the kids.

The next time that Sage hits the ball, she drives it into a thick patch of brush. The dog's race after it and dive into the brush.

When Patch and Quin come out of the brush with the ball, a sound in the bush next to the brush pile makes the dogs twitch their noses. The dogs ditch the ball and switch their path. They are off after the sound.

Mitch and Quin run as quick as they can to trace the dogs' path. When the kids come around a huge pine, they see their dogs with their pal, Sam!

Itch

Clutch

Fetch

Glitch

Hitch

Batch



Pitch

Match

Match

Ditch

Notch

Latch



Witch

Twitch

Snatch

Catch

Patch

Thatch



Hutch

Crutch

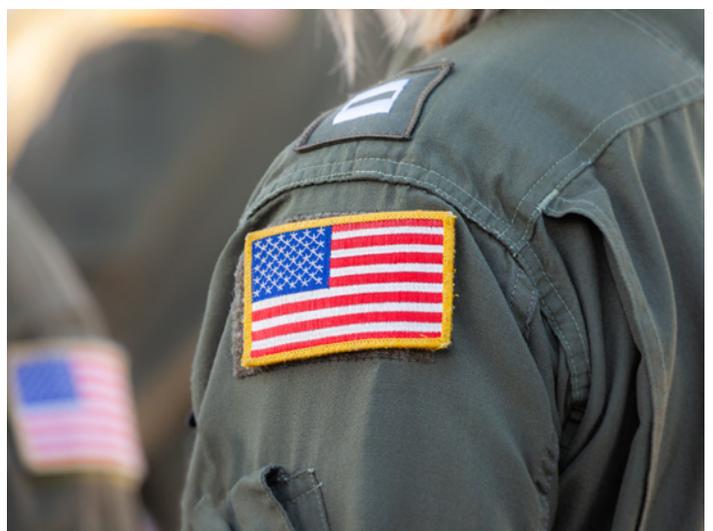
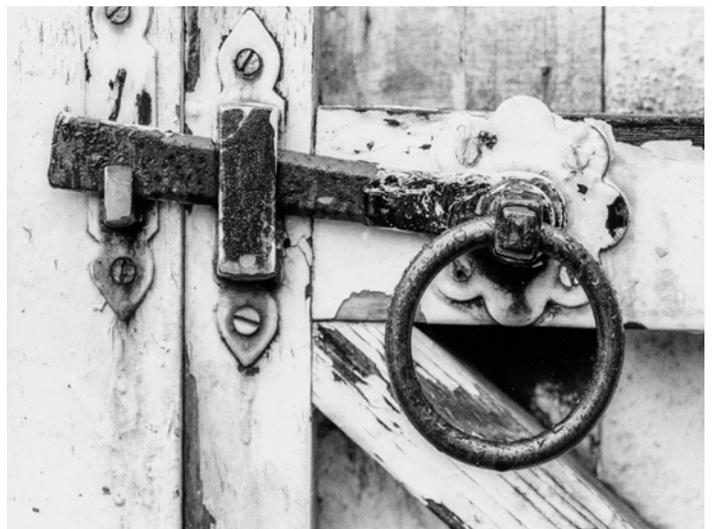
Switch

Notch

Stitch

Sketch







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## Special Situations -tch Picture Card List

itch

catch

batch

patch

ditch

crutch

latch

switch

