Rule 19: sure / ture

Teacher information

- This teaching resource is organised into four sections: **1)** Explanation of the rule **2)** Examples of key words that fit the rule **3)** Opportunities to practise **4)** Further examples of commonly used words following the rule & some notable exceptions.

- These slides are intended as a starting point for teaching this rule. The lists of words given at the end might be used for card sorting exercises or a variety of spelling games.

- Pupils are asked to use a 'posh voice' to pronounce the words to help them choose the correct spelling.

1) Rule 19: Explanation

The **'chu'** and **'zju'** sounds at the end of a word are usually spelt **'ture'** or **'sure'**.

To see which spelling you need, say the ending in a **POSH VOICE**!

adven**chu**: Is it adven**ture** or adven**sure?**

trea**zju**: Is it trea**ture** or trea**sure?**

Practise saying these words **normally** and then using a **POSH VOICE**!

fu**chu** = fu**ture**

crea**chu** = crea**ture**

adven**chu** = adven**ture**

mea**zju** = mea**sure**

clo**zju** = clo**sure**

expo**zju** = expo**sure**

What happens if you use a posh voice to say the words with the **wrong** ending? How do they sound?

3) Rule 19: Practice

Use your **POSH VOICE** to decide whether these words should have **'ture'** or **'sure'** at the end.

Starter

pic_**ture**_

mea_**sure**_

mixture__

closure__

nature__

Challenge 1

trea_____

struc_____

furni_____

enclo_____

depar_____

Challenge 2

signa_____

sculp_____

compo_____

manufac_____

disclo_____

THINK: Which ending is more common?

4) Rule 19: Further examples

PiXL PRIMARY

'zju' sound

measure
pleasure
exposure
closure
treasure
disclosure
enclosure
composure

'chu' sound

future
nature
structure
picture
culture
mixture
venture
sculpture
creature
capture
texture
fixture
posture

fracture
scripture
moisture
recapture
departure
adventure
agriculture
furniture
signature
manufacture
temperature
superstructure

Exceptions

Be aware of words such as **'teacher'**, **'richer'** and **'stretcher'** which also end in a **'chu'** sound. These should not be spelt **'ture'** as they are made up of a root word ending in **'ch'** and the suffix **'er'**. The use of a 'posh voice' should help: **'tea<u>ture</u>'** does not sound right.