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Digraph Rule Sort Answer Key

Short vowel + ck: duck, snack, stick

Short vowel + tch: match, fetch, hutch

Nasal + ng/nk: sing, bank, wing, branch (ends in nch but follows nasal n + ch),
lunch (same pattern), rang

Teacher's Guide

- This worksheet helps students notice **spelling rules** that guide when to use ck, tch, and ng/nk patterns.
- Support learners by reviewing that ck usually follows a **short vowel**, tch often follows a **short vowel**, and ng/nk follow a **nasal n sound**.
- For differentiation, provide a small sound box where students tap out vowels before choosing a rule. Challenge advanced students by having them add two new words to each category from memory.
- For engagement, let students work in partners to read the word list aloud and sort them physically on slips of paper before writing their final answers.