



Reader 1: _____ Date: _____

Reader 2: _____

Reader 3: _____

Words to Preview

Point & Say

- 1 **paddle wheel** – a wheel with boards that rotates to move a boat.
*Steam helps turn the **paddle wheel** of the fancy riverboat as it travels down the Mississippi River.*
- 2 **barge** – a flat-bottomed boat that moves cargo or people.
*Many **barges** travel up and down the Mississippi River.*
- 3 **defense** – protection.
*Many people learn karate for **defense**.*
- 4 **explore** – to travel in search of something.
*The children **explored** the forest to see what they could find.*

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sightseeing
.....
canoes
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helicopter
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Note: Hyphenated words count as one word.

Boats

READER 1

Land covers less than one-third of the Earth. Water covers the rest. Long ago, there were no trains, planes, or cars. People used boats and ships to go places. They explored the world by boat. People also used boats and ships for fun, work, and defense. We use boats for the same reasons today.

13
27
40
54

Large boats can carry many people on long, wide rivers. Some of these boats have a big paddle wheel on the back. The wheel has twelve paddles. The paddle wheel turns and pushes the water. This makes the boat move.

67
80
92
94

READER 2

Boats that take people on sightseeing trips have places to eat, sleep, swim, and dance on the boat. Some trips are just a few hours, but others are a week or more.

107
123
126



Mark It!

1 a c c o u n t

2 f r o w n i n g

3 p r o u d e s t

4 s p r o u t e d

5 d i s c o u n t

6 c o w a r d

7 f l o u r l e s s

8 a r o u n d

9 g r o w l i n g

10 h o w e v e r

11 f l o w e r

12 c l o u d y

Read It!

1 frowning

2 cloudy

3 proudest

4 flourless

5 account

6 sprouted

7 growling

8 flower

account

sprouted

growling

discount

however

coward

around

frowning

around

coward

however

flower

cloudy

proudest

flourless

discount



Word Sort

Write all vowel spellings in the correct columns. The schwa spellings are circled and filled in.

CHALLENGING

- 1 thou•sənd
- 2 fool•ish•ly
- 3 with•out
- 4 car•pool

Short	Long	R- Controlled	Other	Schwa
			ou	a

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 ə•round
- 6 back•ground
- 7 pow•der
- 8 check•point

Short	Long	R- Controlled	Other	Schwa
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MOST CHALLENGING

- 9 ən•coun•ter
- 10 loy•əl•ties
- 11 sun•flow•er
- 12 al•li•ga•tor

Short	Long	R- Controlled	Other	Schwa
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CHALLENGING

- 1 has to learn to ask without pouting (7)
- 2 wore a crown made out of bath towels (8)
- 3 wants to catch a bigmouth bass or a trout (9)
- 4 look for stars in the south on a cloudless night (10)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 is afraid to encounter a slimy, round earthworm (8)
 - 6 flew to the ground in search of the nut-brown owl (10)
 - 7 thousands of yellow sunflowers sprouted in the field (8)
 - 8 vows to bake a flourless chocolate cake for the cowgirl (10)
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CHALLENGING

- 1 The baby frowns each time the shaggy brown dog growls. (10)
- 2 The rowdy crowd shouted loudly after the thrilling final play. (10)
- 3 The townsmen needed to shut down the south tower for repairs. (11)
- 4 When trying to read a complicated word, look for the vowels first. (12)

MORE CHALLENGING

- 5 The cashier will take the discount for that item off at the checkout counter. (14)
 - 6 Wow, the starflowers on the carnival fairgrounds are surprisingly impressive! (10)
 - 7 During the estate sale, the brownstone was so crowded that I had to wait outside. (15)
 - 8 We are relocating to South Carolina this summer, so I have to scout out new housing. (16)
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SENTENCES

1. Read each sentence.
2. Underline the words that have the /ou/ sound spelled with the letters you see in the word **ouch**.
3. Circle the words that have the /ou/ sound spelled with the letters you see in the word **cow**.
4. Draw a box around words with the **ow** spelling that does not make the /ou/ sound.

- 1 After a thunderstorm, a colorful rainbow can appear in the clouds on the horizon.
- 2 J's Oyster Bar in Allentown has the absolute best bowl of seafood chowder.
- 3 Beans and Brussels sprouts are good side dishes to have with cowboy chicken.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Read each clue and write the answer on the line. Every answer will be only one word, and that word will include one of the spellings of /ou/.

- 1 I fly at night and can turn my neck all the way around. _____
- 2 I help you to speak and to eat. _____
- 3 I am colorful, and bees like me. _____
- 4 I can dry something that is wet. _____
- 5 I am a person or a thing. _____