

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ACTIVITY SHEET  
PHONICS- 'ough' sounds

**Standard Four**

Curriculum topic: Phonics

Teaching point: The letters 'ough' can make 8 different sounds. Today, we will look at 4 sounds they can make.

1. **though** sounds like ow in **show**
2. **rough** sounds like uff in **stuff**
3. **thought** rhymes with **sort**
4. **trough** sounds like **off**

Activity 1: Read the poem and complete the diagram below. Pay attention to the different sounds

The 'ough' poem

I wanted bread, so made some dough,  
The flour looked like soft, white snow.  
I baked the dough to cook it through,  
And took it out at half past two.

But the crust was just too tough!  
I chewed and chewed the awful stuff.

After a while, I gulped and coughed,  
Why wasn't my bread nice and soft?

I thought, was it the farmer's plough,  
That ruined all the wheat somehow?

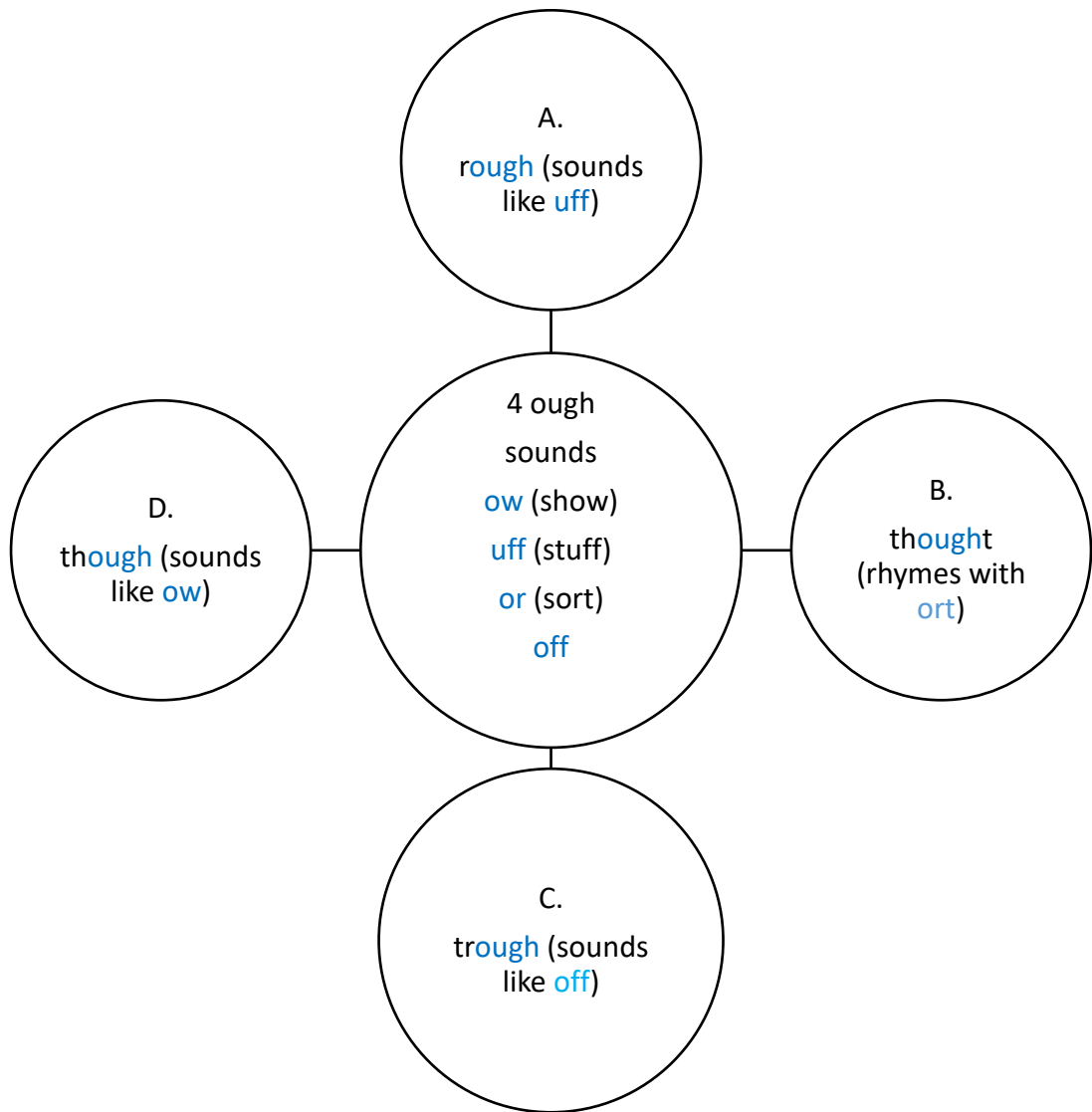
I sighed, walked to the shops, and bought  
A loaf of bread - the softest sort.



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Place the ough word, from the poem, in the correct circle. Be sure to match the sound.



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Activity 2: Write a funny poem in which you use some of the words you selected.

ANSWER KEY-Activity 1:

- A. tough
- B. bought
- C. coughed
- D. dough