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The Fort

Look for these
vowel teams!

OW, OU



Vowels can come together and make a new sound! /ow/ has two sounds as in plow and mow. /ou/ has five sounds as in mouse, soup, would, soul, and country.

The Fort



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DeShawn and Jalen had just finished watching a show and were thinking of what to do next.

"How about we make a fort out of pillows and blankets?" asked Jalen.

"That's a great plan!" said DeShawn.



"Your blanket is the perfect size for the fort," said DeShawn.

"Yes! I will get my pillows, too. They are as soft as a cloud," said Jalen.

Jalen went to his room. He grabbed his down blanket and his pillows.



Deshawn headed into the kitchen. He didn't know how they would hold the blanket up until he saw the brown dining chairs.

"Jalen," DeShawn shouted. "Come help. We can use the chairs to hold up the blanket. Help me bring them all the way around to the living room."



"I've found the perfect spot for our fort," said Jalen as he set the chair down and sat on the round rug.

DeShawn joined Jalen on the floor and hugged the pillow.

"Wow! You weren't kidding. This is as soft as a cloud!"



"Now it's time to set up our fort!"
said DeShawn.

The brothers dragged the chairs
to a spot around the rug and
threw the blanket over them.

"Perfect," said Jalen.

They were proud of their fort!



"I'll go fill this box with snacks and a light," said DeShawn.

As he walked past Jazmin, she asked "What are you doing with that?"

"Follow me and I'll show you," said DeShawn.



"Wow! A fort!" shouted Jazmin.

"Come join us!" said Jalen.

They got down low on the ground in the fort and ate their snacks.

"Sitting in the fort is way more fun than sitting on the couch!"
said Jasmin.



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Target Phonics Skill

Vowel Teams
-ow, -ou



Vowel Fun

- ow can make two different sounds!

slow
cow

- ou can make five different sounds!

house
soul
group
country
could



Decodable Words

about	found	pillow
around	ground	proud
brown	how	round
cloud	know	shout
couch	low	show
down	our	wow
follow	out	

Vowel Digraphs are two vowels that when placed together generate one sound, e.g. -ee in street. W and Y can act as vowels in vowel digraphs.

Vowel Trigraphs are one vowel and two consonants that when placed together create one sound, e.g. -igh in high.

Diphthongs are two vowels that when placed together create a sound that starts as one vowel sound and ends as another sound, e.g. -oi in coin.

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