







Module 12: Genre Study (Literary Texts)













In Module 12, each week the phonics focus skill will be a Vowel Team. Students will start with Vowel Teams *au* and *aw* that make the /aw/ sound. Then students will learn about the Vowel Team Diphthongs *ou* and *ow* that spell the /ow/ sound. This Module will end with Vowel Teams Diphthongs *oi* and *oy*.

Phonics Focus: Vowel Team *au, aw* as is /aw/

Grapheme	Rule	Examples		
au	This is the Vowel Team <i>au</i> . The letters <i>a</i> and <i>u</i> work together as a team to make the /aw/ sound. The vowel team <i>au</i> is found in the middle or at the beginning of a word.	pause 	audio 	launch 
aw	This is the Vowel Team <i>aw</i> . The letters <i>a</i> and <i>w</i> work together as a team to make the /aw/ sound. The vowel team <i>aw</i> is usually found in the middle or at the end of a word but can also be found at the beginning.	saw 	yawn 	awesome 

Phonics Focus: Vowel Team Diphthongs *ou, ow* /ow/ and *oi, oy* /oi/

A diphthong is a vowel sound that glides, which means that when you make the sound, you move your mouth slightly from one sound to another.

Grapheme	Rule	Examples		
ou	This is the vowel team <i>ou</i> . We know this vowel team spells /ū/, as in <i>soup</i> , but it can also spell the /ow/ sound as in <i>house</i> . The /ow/ sound is a diphthong. It can be found at the beginning or middle of a word.	house 	out 	mouse 
ow	This is the vowel team <i>ow</i> . It can also spell the /ow/ sound as in <i>cow</i> . The /ow/ sound is a diphthong. It is usually found in the middle or at the end of a word, but is sometimes at the beginning.	cow 	crown 	owl 
oi	This is the vowel team <i>oi</i> . It can spell the /oi/ sound. The /oi/ sound is a diphthong. The vowel team <i>oi</i> is usually found in the middle of a word, but is sometimes at the beginning.	coin 	point 	oil 
oy	This is the vowel team <i>oy</i> . It can spell the /oi/ sound. The /oi/ sound is a diphthong. The vowel team <i>oy</i> is usually found at the end of a word, but is sometimes at the beginning.	toy 	boy 	oyster 

Module 12: Focus Words

Irregular Words (Heart Words)

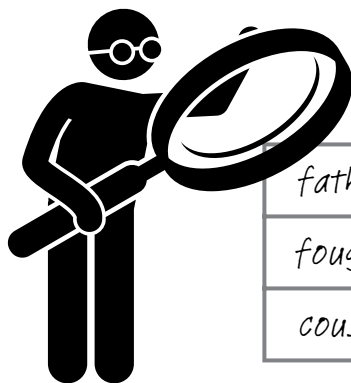
father	other	mother	brother
fought	bought	brought	thought
cousin	young	touch	

Practice Strategy:

Create a Word Hunt!

Materials:

1. Paper or index card
2. Something to write with
3. Scissors
4. Timer



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Set Up:

1. **Create word cards to hide.** Choose words from Module 12 or any of the modules throughout the year. Write the words on pieces of paper or index cards. If needed, cut the words out of the paper to make the cards. *The adult can be in charge of making the word cards or you can have your child help make the word cards.
2. **Hide the words.** Choose various spots to hide the word cards around your home. You can hide them under cushions, behind objects, under shelves. Make sure the word cards are hidden, but still accessible and visible without too much difficulty.

Rules for Playing:

1. Go on a word hunt to find hidden irregular words around the home.
2. You can add a limit (optional). If multiple children are playing, see who can find the most in the shortest amount of time.
3. Start the Word Hunt and have fun!
4. Once all the words have been found or time runs out, count the words and see who wins!