

Pip's Phonic Forest Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use words containing the 'ough' trigraph/quadgraph, which can make different sounds such as 'uff', 'off', 'oh', and 'ow'.

Read the short story below with Pip the bookworm. Look closely at the words in bold. Then, complete the drawing activity and answer the questions to show how well you understand these tricky spellings.

Pip the bookworm was feeling very **tough** after his morning exercise. He had done **enough** push-ups to last a lifetime! Suddenly, he started to **cough** because of the dusty library books. He had **thought** about baking some sweet **dough** for his friends, so he went **through** the garden gate to the shop. He **bought** a bag of flour and watched a local farmer use his **plough** in the field. It was a very busy day for a little caterpillar.

Word bank: tough · enough · cough · dough · through · thought · bought · plough

1. Find two words in the story that rhyme with 'stuff'. (2 marks)

2. Pip went to the shop. What did he buy there, and why did he need it? (2 marks)

3. Which word in the story describes the action of a farmer working in a field? (1 mark)

4. Explain why the word 'cough' might be tricky to spell. How does it sound different from 'dough'? (2 marks)

5. Can you think of one more word that ends in 'ough' that isn't in the word bank? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the bookworm in the field. Show him watching the farmer using the plough. Add a speech bubble coming from Pip saying: 'I thought the dough would be easy to make!'



Extension challenge: Choose two words from the word bank that have different sounds for the 'ough' letters. Write a new, funny sentence for each one to help you remember how to spell them correctly.