

The Right Choice

In February, Boyd and James had a choice to make. Their mother said they could get a new pet, but they had to agree on which pet to get. As the boys entered the pet store, their mother's voice rang in their heads. "Boys, you need to pick a

The boys looked at all the choices of pets. Boyd saw a small kitten. "This kitten is cute," said Boyd. James pointed to a spunky puppy. "This puppy looks sweet," said James.

pet that is cute, sweet, and spirited."

Crash! Just then, the boys heard a big noise. They turned to see a bin of dog toys spilled on the floor. Right in the middle of this mess was a tiny yellow bird. The bird must have gotten free from its cage and flew into the bin.

When the yellow bird saw the boys, she joined them and sat in Boyd's hands. "I think we have our new pet," Boyd said. "Yes, she is cute, sweet, and spirited," said James. "And she made the choice for us!"

Lesson 95: oi, oy /oi/

choice	spoil	foil	hoy	moist	point
voice	соу	oil	joy	toy	coin
soy	boil	toys	joint	spoils	coins
joints	boys	coils	point	Oil	soil
join	boil	toil	boil	coil	foil
points	noise	voice	moist	soy	soil



Lesson 95: oi, oy /oi/ (2 syllables)

decoy hoisted	pointed enjoy	joined coiled	boyhood pointing	
soybean	boycott	spoiling	joining	
busboy	spoiled	toilet	boiled	
convoy	destroy	joining	pinpoint	
toilets	boiling	oyster	employ	





Summer at the Farmhouse

Joey is staying with his grandmother for the sur	mmer. His
grandmother owns a farmhouse close to town. Joe	ey likes to

help his grandmother around the farm. However, he most

enjoys watching the animals who live outdoors.

On Monday, he saw a brown owl hunting a small mouse. The mouse found its way back underground just before the owl swooped down. On Wednesday, he walked down to the stream south of the farm. This stream is full of trout and Joey likes to watch them swim. Then on Friday, he went to the meadow where the cows graze. He picked some wildflowers for his grandmother. Joey hopes to return to his grandmother's farmhouse each summer.

Lesson 96: ou, ow /ow/

0W	Mou	WOW	WOV	how	howl
tuo	pnol	lnoj	htnos	ouch	noun
fowl	shout	mouse	house	route	COW
wod	chow	couch	pouch	town	down
gown	doubt	spout	stout	frown	scowl
found	round	mount	hound	scout	sound



Lesson 96: ou, ow /ow/ (2 syllables)

downhill	without	southeast	flower	playground	compound
outside	southwest	cowboy	eyebrow	shower	pronoun
farmhouse	tower	somehow	shouting	around	outside
lighthouse	background	powder	household	outdoor	downtown





A New Coin

While walking home from work, Carson saw a coin laying on the ground. "This is my lucky day! I found a coin," said Carson. But as Carson inspected the coin, he began to notice that he had never seen a coin quite like this before. This coin had a hole in the middle of it, and Carson did not recognize the markings on it.

Carson wanted to find out where this coin came from. When he got home, he went online to see what he could find out. He looked for any coins with holes in the middle. He found that there are several kinds of these coins around the world. Japan, Norway, and Spain all have coins with holes in the middle. However, as Carson looked at the coins on his computer screen in more detail, he found one that was an exact match.

He ran into the family room and shouted to his father and sister, "My newfound coin is from Japan! Japanese coins are called yen. Who could have lost it?" Carson's father considered for a minute, and then said, "I remember the mailman telling me he had taken a trip to Japan last month. It could be his. I will ask him on Wednesday!"

Lesson 97: vowel teams and diphthongs review

cause	yod	draw	yawn	lawn	foil
choice	SOW	point	coin	cloud	toy
voice	join	bounce	crown	joy	crawl
fault	brown	caught	ground	pause	now
toil	down	house	how	our	shout
taught	hawk	found	noise	round	Claw



Lesson 97: vowel teams and diphthongs review (2 syllables)

around	downhill	boycott	southeast	pointing	farmhouse
drawing	toilet	without	pronoun	playground	employ
background	tower	outside	cowboy	rawhide	outdoor
shower	pinpoint	withdraw	oyster	household	somehow





Birdwatching

With her notebook in hand, Cassie walked into the forest ready to study some birds. She loved birdwatching, and she had a knack for finding birds in new places. As she walked, she wrote down the names of the different birds she saw. She would even sketch a drawing of each bird in her notebook.

About one hour into her hike, Cassie knelt to rest and eat a snack. As she ate, large crumbs fell to the ground. Snap! Cassie heard a noise very close to her. When she turned around, she saw a small brown bird pecking at her leftover crumbs. It was a wren! Cassie had never seen a wren in real life, but she knows about them from reading her books.

Cassie knows that wrens have short wings and hold their tails upright. Wrens are also known for singing loud, complex songs. This little wren seemed to love Cassie's snack. When all the crumbs were gone, the wren lifted its wings. Cassie watched it fly away into the forest. Cassie was so thrilled with her wren sighting that she sang a long tune all the way home.

Lesson 98: kn, wr, mb

writes	comb	knuckle	knows	wrong	wrinkles
knobs	knight	knee	limbs	thumb	knew
wring	knoll	write	numb	knob	climb
kneads	knack	lamb	knit	wring	wrist
wrote	limb	known	crumb	bomb	knead
knife	wrinkle	know	knelt	wrung	WſY

