

## Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: oy (toy)

"This story focuses on the 'oy' sound as in 'boy.' Watch for words like 'joy,' 'boy,' and 'enjoy' as Maya creates a special garden!"



### The Garden of Joy

Maya planted a new garden full of bright yellow flowers.

She hoped the garden would bring joy to everyone who passed by.

One day, a butterfly landed on a flower and seemed to enjoy the sweet smell.

Soon, a small boy walked by and said, "This garden makes me feel happy!"

Maya smiled. "That's why I planted it," she said.

The garden became a place of peace and joy for the whole town.

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

joy

boy

enjoy

toy

employ



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Garden of Joy

1. Why did Maya plant a garden?

- A. To grow food
- B. To bring joy to people who passed by
- C. To hide her toys
- D. To start a business

2. Who stopped by and felt happy about the garden?

- A. A cat
- B. A small boy
- C. Maya's brother
- D. A gardener

3. Fill in the blank:

One day, a butterfly landed on a flower and seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ the sweet smell.

4. How did the garden make people feel?

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5. What could you do to make your neighborhood a happier place?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** *oy* as in "boy" (/oi/ sound)

**Genre:** *Fiction – Realistic Fiction / Kindness*

**High-Frequency Words:** *she, the, that, why, said*

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## Before Reading

1. This story uses “oy” words like *joy, boy, enjoy, annoy, toy, and employ*.
  2. Have you ever done something kind to make someone else feel happy?
  3. What places in your town or neighborhood bring people joy?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support: Sounding Out Support:** Practice stretching the /oi/ sound in “oy” words like *joy* and *boy*. Remind readers that “oy” makes the sound at the end of words.
  2. Watch for target skill words that show how Maya's garden changes the way people feel.
  3. Who stopped by and shared kind words about the garden?
  4. Read the final line with a peaceful and proud voice—like Maya felt after doing something good!
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## After Reading

1. Retell how Maya's garden helped people feel joyful.
  2. Why do you think small acts of kindness make a big difference?
  3. What's something you can do this week to bring joy to someone else?
  4. Skill Check: Highlight six “oy” words in the story.
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again using a calm, happy voice—like you're enjoying a beautiful garden.
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## Activity Idea

Draw Maya's garden full of bright yellow flowers with a butterfly and a smiling boy nearby. Label parts using “oy” words like *joy, boy, enjoy, annoy, toy, or employ*. Write one sentence about why kindness makes people happy.

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## Coaching Tip

Stories about kindness show kids how small choices create big smiles—every word planted grows a better world!

