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

"This nonfiction story focuses on the 'oi' sound as in 'boil.' Watch for words like 'avoid,' 'noise,' and 'spoil' as you learn how frogs stay safe!"



## How Frogs Avoid Danger

Frogs live in ponds, swamps, and forests all around the world.

They are small, but they know how to avoid danger!

If a snake comes near, a frog will leap into the water and hide.

Some frogs make loud noise to scare other animals away.

A few frogs even have bright colors to warn, "Don't spoil your day by eating me!"

This helps them stay safe and enjoy their time in the wild.

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.						
avoid	noise	spoil	join	coil		



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# How Frogs Avoid Danger

1.	How do	frogs	avoid
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- A. They make loud noise or leap into the water
- B. They stand very still
- C. They run in circles
- D. They hide under leaves

- 2. What do bright colors on frogs mean?
- A. "Come play with me!"
- B. "Stay away, I might not taste good!"
- C. "I'm easy to catch!"
- D. "I am sleepy now."

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4. Why do frogs need to avoid danger in their homes?

- 5. What other animals do you know that use colors or sounds to stay safe?
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### **Coaching Guide**

Target Skill: oi as in "boil" (/oi/ sound)
Genre: Nonfiction – Nature & Ecology

High-Frequency Words: they, their, some, how, stay

#### **Before Reading**

- 1. This story includes "oi" words like avoid, noise, spoil, join, coil, and point.
- 2. Have you ever seen a frog in the wild or at a zoo?
- 3. What do you think frogs do when they see a bigger animal nearby?

#### **During Reading**

- 1. **Sounding Out Support: Sounding Out Support:** Stretch the /oi/ sound in words like *avoid* and *noise*. Help readers notice that "oi" often comes in the middle of these words.
- 2. Watch for target skill words that show how frogs keep themselves safe.
- 3. What does it mean when a frog has bright colors?
- 4. Read the final line with a happy, relaxed voice—like the frog is enjoying a peaceful day!

#### **After Reading**

- 1. Retell how frogs avoid danger and what tricks they use to stay safe.
- 2. Why do frogs make noise or have bright colors to protect themselves?
- 3. If you were a small animal, what would you do to stay safe?
- 4. Skill Check: Highlight six "oi" words in the passage.
- 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again using a quick, lively voice—just like a frog jumping away from danger!

#### **Activity Idea**

Draw a frog leaping into a pond and another frog showing its bright colors to warn animals. Label parts using "oi" words like *avoid*, *noise*, *spoil*, *join*, *coil*, or *point*. Write one sentence about how frogs stay safe in the wild.

#### Coaching Tip

Nonfiction nature stories help children learn about the world while practicing important reading skills—every word is a leap toward learning!

