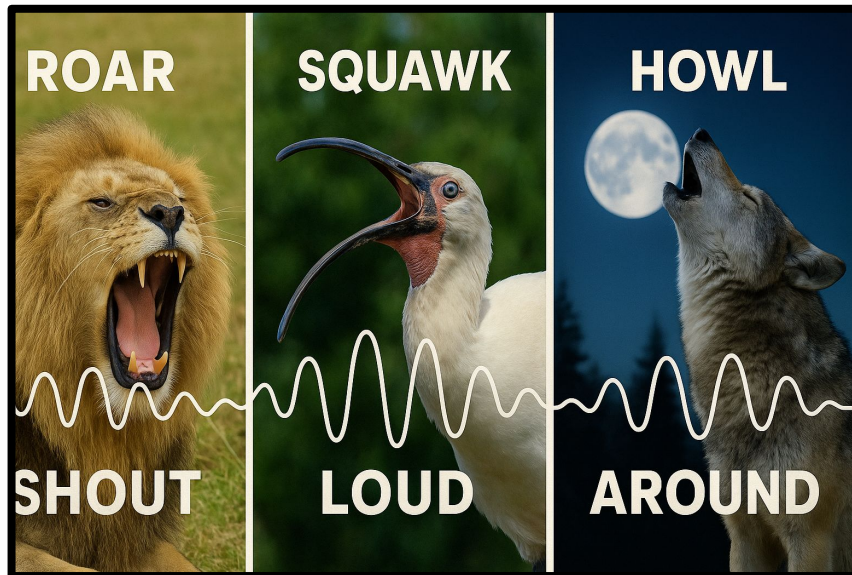


## Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ou

"This nonfiction story teaches how animals use loud sounds. Watch for words like 'shout,' 'out,' and 'around' as you learn how animals talk!"



### How Animals Shout and Call

Some animals shout and call to talk or warn others.

Lions let out loud roars to show their power.

Birds chirp and squawk to call out to their flocks.

Wolves howl at night to count their group members.

Even frogs can croak loudly to find friends!

Shouts and calls help animals stay safe and together.

If you listen outside, you might hear them all around!

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

out

shout

loud

count

about



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

## How Animals Shout and Call

1. What do lions do to show their power?

- A. Whisper
- B. Roar loudly
- C. Hide under trees
- D. Run in circles

2. Why do wolves howl at night?

- A. To count their group
- B. To scare birds
- C. To make music
- D. To find food

3. Fill in the blank:

Shouts and calls help animals stay safe and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. How do loud sounds help animals survive in the wild?

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5. What animal calls have you heard near your home or at the zoo?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** ou as in *shout* (/ow/ sound)

**Genre:** Nonfiction – Animal Communication

**High-Frequency Words:** their, some, you, might, them

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## Before Reading

1. This story uses “ou” words like *shout*, *out*, *loud*, *around*, and *count*.
  2. Have you ever heard a loud animal sound? What did it sound like?
  3. Why do you think animals make loud noises?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Practice stretching the /ow/ sound in *shout*, *out*, *around*, and *count*.
  2. Watch how different animals use sound to communicate
  3. Which animal sound would be the loudest to hear?
  4. Read the final line with excitement—like you’re out in nature!
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## After Reading

1. Retell two or three ways animals use loud sounds to help each other
  2. Why are animal calls important for safety?
  3. If you could make a special sound like an animal, what would it be and why?
  4. Skill Check: Highlight six “ou” words in the passage
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again with loud and soft changes—just like animal calls!
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## Activity Idea

Draw three animals using loud calls: a lion roaring, a wolf howling, and a bird squawking. Label items using “ou” words like *shout*, *out*, *loud*, *around*, or *count*. Write one sentence about why animals use sound.

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## Coaching Tip

Nonfiction about animals makes phonics stick—link learning to real sounds kids can imagine or hear!

