

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ou (soup)

"This nonfiction text focuses on the 'ou' sound as in 'soup.' Watch for words like 'group,' 'through,' and 'you' as you learn how rescue teams help others!"



How Does a Rescue Group Help?

A rescue group helps people and animals during trouble.

They move through tough places to bring food and care.

Some groups work near your town, and others help far away.

Rescue teams bring water, set up safe shelters, and help you find your family.

With a strong group, people feel hope even in hard times.

Their goal is to help you through!

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

group

rescue

your

Crowd

through



Name: _____

How Does a Rescue Group Help?

1. What does a rescue group do?

- A. Build schools
- B. Bring food and help people and animals
- C. Teach math
- D. Play games

2. Where can rescue groups work?

- A. Only at the beach
- B. Near towns and far away
- C. Only in zoos
- D. Just in cold places

3. Fill in the blank:

With a strong _____, people feel hope even in hard times.

4. How does working as a group help people during hard times?

5. What is one way you could help people or animals in trouble?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: *ou* as in "soup" (/oo/ sound)

Genre: *Nonfiction – Community Helpers / Social Studies*

High-Frequency Words: *you, your, near, their, some*

Before Reading

1. This story uses "ou" words like *group, through, rescue, and you*.
 2. Have you ever heard of people helping others after a big storm or fire?
 3. Why is it easier to help when people work together?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support: Sounding Out Support:** Point out that the "ou" spelling in *group, through, rescue, and you* makes the /oo/ sound.
 2. Watch for words that tell about what rescue groups do.
 3. How do rescue teams bring hope to others?
 4. **Fluency Tip:** Read the final line with kindness and hope—like a helper giving good news.
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After Reading

1. Retell how rescue groups help people and animals.
 2. What would you put in a care kit to help someone after a storm?
 3. If you could join a rescue group, what job would you like to do?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six "ou" words in the passage.
 5. **Fluency Tip: Fluency Tip:** Read it again using a calm, caring voice—like someone offering help to a friend.
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Activity Idea

Draw a rescue group helping people by handing out food and water. Label items using "ou" words like *group, through, you, rescue, your, or move*. Write one sentence about why working together helps.

Coaching Tip

Real-world helpers inspire young readers—build empathy and phonics skills at the same time!

