

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

"This nonfiction story focuses on the 'oy' sound as in 'boy.' Watch for words like 'joy,' 'toy,' and 'enjoy' as you learn how maps help us find places!"



### How Maps Show Where to Go

Maps are tools that help people find their way.

A map shows streets, rivers, parks, and where towns sit on the land.

Some maps even mark places of joy, like playgrounds and toy shops!

If you enjoy traveling, a map will help you explore new places.

Long ago, people used stars to find their way before maps were made.

Today, we can enjoy using both paper maps and digital maps to explore our world!

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

joy

toy

enjoy

boy

employ



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

## How Maps Show Where to Go

1. What can you find on a map?

- A. Only rivers
- B. Places of joy like parks and toy shops
- C. Only forests
- D. Only streets

2. How did people find their way before maps?

- A. They used the stars
- B. They used cell phones
- C. They waited for the sun to rise
- D. They asked for help

3. Fill in the blank:

If you \_\_\_\_\_ traveling, a map will help you explore new places.

4. Why do people enjoy using maps when they travel?

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5. What is one place you would like to find on a map?

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# Coaching Guide

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

**Genre:** *Nonfiction – Maps & Globes / Geography*

**High-Frequency Words:** *they, where, their, long, find*

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## Before Reading

1. This story includes “oy” words like *joy, toy, enjoy, employ, deploy, and boy*.
  2. Have you ever used a map to find a new place?
  3. What’s something fun you would look for on a map?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support: Sounding Out Support:** Practice stretching the /oi/ sound in “oy” words like *joy, toy, and enjoy*.
  2. Watch for target skill words that show how maps help people explore.
  3. What did people use before maps were made?
  4. Read the final line with a curious, excited voice—like you’re ready to explore the world!
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## After Reading

1. Retell how maps help people find places and explore new areas.
  2. What makes maps fun to use when traveling?
  3. If you made your own map, what fun places would you mark on it?
  4. Skill Check: Highlight six “oy” words in the passage.
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again using a curious, adventurous voice—like you’re starting a big journey!
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## Activity Idea

Draw a simple map that shows a path to a fun place, like a playground or toy shop. Label parts using “oy” words like *joy, toy, enjoy, employ, deploy, or boy*. Write one sentence about why using maps is helpful.

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## Coaching Tip

Geography lessons help children understand the world around them—every word read is a new place to explore!

