

## Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: oi (boil)

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



### How Players Avoid Mistakes

In sports, players work hard to avoid mistakes.

They practice every move again and again.

A soccer player points to the best spot to pass the ball.

A tennis player listens for the bounce and blocks the noise of the crowd.

Good players know how to stay calm and focus.

If they make a mistake, they don't let it spoil the whole game!

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

avoid

point

spoil

noise

join



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

## How Players Avoid Mistakes

1. How do players avoid mistakes?

- A. They stop playing
- B. They practice and stay focused
- C. They leave the field
- D. They sit down during the game

2. What should a player do after making a mistake?

- A. Get upset
- B. Stop playing
- C. Try again and stay calm
- D. Run off the field

3. Fill in the blank:

If they make a mistake, they don't let it \_\_\_\_\_ the whole game!

4. Why is it important for athletes to stay calm during a game?

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5. What do you do when you make a mistake while playing a sport or game?

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# Coaching Guide

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

**Genre:** *Nonfiction – Sports / Mindset*

**High-Frequency Words:** *they, know, good, whole, every*

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## Before Reading

1. This story uses "oi" words like *avoid, point, spoil, noise, join, and coil*.
  2. Have you ever made a mistake while playing a game?
  3. What helps you keep going even when things don't go perfectly?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support: Sounding Out Support:** Practice stretching the /oi/ sound in words like *avoid, spoil, and point*. Remind readers that "oi" often makes this sound in the middle of words.
  2. Watch for target skill words that explain how players handle mistakes.
  3. How do good players avoid letting mistakes ruin the whole game?
  4. Read the final line with confidence and a positive attitude!
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## After Reading

1. Retell how players avoid mistakes and stay calm under pressure.
  2. Why is it helpful to try again after making a mistake?
  3. How can you use these ideas the next time you play a sport?
  4. Skill Check: Highlight six "oi" words in the passage.
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again using a confident, focused voice—just like an athlete getting ready for the next play!
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## Activity Idea

Draw two athletes—one staying calm after a mistake and another pointing to where the next play should go. Label parts using "oi" words like *avoid, point, spoil, noise, join, or coil*. Write one sentence about how staying calm can help you win.

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## Coaching Tip

Sports topics help kids connect reading to life lessons—every new word can help them grow stronger and more confident!

