

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: aw

"This story focuses on the 'aw' sound as in 'law.' Watch for words like 'law,' 'saw,' and 'flaw' as you read!"



Laws That Keep Us Safe

Laws are rules that help keep people safe and happy.

Without laws, things could be confusing and dangerous.

One law tells people to stop at red lights so cars and walkers stay safe. Another law says people must wear seat belts to avoid getting hurt.

Laws also help protect nature by stopping people from throwing trash on the ground.

When people follow laws, it makes the world a better place for everyone!

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

law

flaw

saw

draw

claw



Name: _____

Laws That Keep Us Safe

1. What do laws help people do?

- A. Make more rules
- B. Stay safe and happy
- C. Drive faster
- D. Walk anywhere they want

2. What should people do at red lights?

- A. Drive quickly
- B. Turn left
- C. Stop to stay safe
- D. Wave to the police

3. Fill in the blank:

When people follow _____, it makes the world a better place.

4. Why is it important for people to follow laws?

5. If you could make a new law to help people, what would it be?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Team 'aw' (as in "law")

Genre: Nonfiction – Civics & Community

High-Frequency Words: the, and, to, people, from

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're looking for 'aw' words that say the /aw/ sound, like in 'law.'"
 2. Can you name a law that helps keep people safe?
 3. Why do you think laws are important for schools, parks, and neighborhoods?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'aw' makes the /aw/ sound. Try that sound first when sounding out tricky words.
 2. Watch for 'aw' words and read them clearly.
 3. What do laws tell people to do at red lights?
 4. Try reading the last sentence with kindness and hope!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell why laws are important for keeping people safe?
 2. How do laws help protect nature?
 3. If you could make one law to help people or animals, what would it be?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'aw' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're explaining how to make the world a better place!
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Activity Idea

Draw a poster about one important law that helps people or animals. Use at least three 'aw' words in your labels or title. Write a short message to remind people why it's good to follow this law.

Coaching Tip

Remind kids that even small actions, like following rules, help make their community safe and happy!

