

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: oi (boil)

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



The Best Point to Score

In every sport, players look for the best point to score.

In soccer, they avoid the goalie and aim for the open net.

In basketball, they point to where the ball should go next.

Good teams know how to avoid bad plays and keep control.

Even when the crowd makes a lot of noise, players stay calm.

They don't let a loud gym spoil their focus!

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

point

avoid

spoil

noise

coin



Name: _____

The Best Point to Score

1. What do players try to avoid during a game?

- A. Good passes
- B. The goalie and bad plays
- C. Open nets
- D. High scores

2. Why do players stay calm even with a loud crowd?

- A. So they can keep their focus
- B. So they can run faster
- C. So they don't have to play
- D. So they can sing

3. Fill in the blank:

They don't let a loud gym _____ their focus!

4. What do players do to help each other score points?

5. How do you stay focused when things get noisy or busy?



Coaching Guide

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

Genre: *Nonfiction – Sports / Strategy*

High-Frequency Words: *they, how, good, keep, even*

Before Reading

1. This story uses "oi" words like *point, avoid, spoil, noise, coin, and join*.
 2. Have you ever had to stay focused when things around you were loud or distracting?
 3. How do players help each other stay calm during a big game?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support: Sounding Out Support:** Stretch and blend the /oi/ sound in "oi" words like *point, avoid, and spoil*.
 2. Watch for target skill words that show how players stay calm and plan their moves.
 3. Where do players point to help their teammates?
 4. Read the final line using a strong, focused voice like an athlete ready for the next play.
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After Reading

1. Retell how players score points and stay calm during loud games.
 2. Why is it important to stay focused even when the crowd is noisy?
 3. How can you stay calm the next time you're playing a game or working with a group?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six "oi" words in the passage.
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again using a focused, confident voice—like you're about to score the winning point!
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Activity Idea

Draw players working together to score points in soccer and basketball. Label parts using "oi" words like *point, avoid, spoil, noise, coin, or join*. Write one sentence about how staying focused helps you win.

Coaching Tip

Helping kids learn to focus through reading supports both academic and life success—every word becomes part of their winning game plan!

