

## Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ou (young)

"This nonfiction story focuses on the 'ou' sound as in 'young.' Watch for words like 'young,' 'courage,' and 'rough' as you learn how people stay brave!"



### How People Show Courage

People show courage in big and small ways.

A young child might show courage by trying something new.

A doctor shows courage by helping others during tough times.

Some people travel to another country to lend a helping hand.

Even when things feel rough, people with courage keep going.

With courage, we grow stronger and flourish together!

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

young

rough

courage

country

flourish



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

## How People Show Courage

1. Who shows courage by helping during tough times?

- A. A doctor
- B. A painter
- C. A dancer
- D. A baker

2. What does courage help people do?

- A. Give up
- B. Stay home
- C. Keep going when things are hard
- D. Hide when things are easy

3. Fill in the blank:

With courage, we grow stronger and \_\_\_\_\_ together!

4. What is one small way you can show courage this week?

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5. Why does courage help people work through rough times?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** *ou* as in "young" (/ŭ/ sound)

**Genre:** *Nonfiction – Character Development / Social Studies*

**High-Frequency Words:** *when, with, we, keep, others*

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## Before Reading

1. This story includes “ou” words like *young, courage, rough, country, another, and flourish*.
  2. What does courage mean to you?
  3. When have you seen someone show courage in real life?
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## During Reading

1. Watch for the ways people show courage in big and small ways.
  2. How do people help others, even when things feel rough?
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## After Reading

1. Retell how people show courage in this story.
  2. What’s one way you can show courage today?
  3. How does having courage help people work together?
  4. Skill Check: Highlight six “ou” words in the passage.
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again using a strong, brave voice to inspire others.
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## Activity Idea

Draw a young child trying something new and a doctor helping people. Label the drawing with “ou” words like *young, courage, rough, another, country, or flourish*. Write one sentence about why courage is important.

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## Coaching Tip

Reading about courage helps kids grow stronger inside and out—every brave word makes a brave heart!

