

ough

The sea can be angry  
The sea can be **rough**  
The sea can be vicious  
The sea can be **tough**.

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Key Words

rough  
enough

cough  
trough

dough  
though

nought  
bought  
brought  
thought

bough  
plough

Focus

Match a key word to each picture.  
Write them in your book.



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2 \_\_\_\_\_



3 \_\_\_\_\_

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4 \_\_\_\_\_



5 \_\_\_\_\_



6 \_\_\_\_\_



7 \_\_\_\_\_



8 \_\_\_\_\_



9 \_\_\_\_\_

Extra

These sets of words have very similar sounds so they can cause some spelling problems.

- A** Copy these sentences neatly into your book, selecting the correct words.

It was a **rough/ruff** morning. **Boughs/Bows** were falling from the trees, but the baker **fort/fought** his way to the village bakery.

He knew his hot crusty bread was much **sought/sort** after by the tourists and no sooner had he started baking his first batch of **doe/dough** than he saw his first customers of the day peeping in **threw/through** his window.

- B** Use a dictionary to check your answers.



Remember, words like these are called **homophones**.

Extension

Read the key words.

- A**
- 1 Write the words where the **ough** sounds like **off**.
  - 2 Write the words where the **ough** sounds like **uff** in **fluff**.
  - 3 Write the words where the **ough** sounds like **ow** in **how**.
  - 4 Write the words where the **ough** sounds like **ow** in **snow**.



- B**
- laughter    taught    caught    laugh    daughter  
slaughter    laughing    naughty    draughts

Sort these nine words into two sets according to the sound made by the **ough** letter pattern.  
Write a fun sentence using as many of the **ough** words as you can.



Beware! The letter pattern **ough** can sometimes make a similar sound to **ough** in **bought**, or sometimes it sounds like **ar** in **park**.