Motto Meaning

Students complete the official motto and explain its meaning aloud.

1.C.1.7 "Identify and explain the meaning of the United States of America's official motto, "In God we trust"."

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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 FIND WORDS

a

gold	all	God

b

trust	sing	play

2 TELL MEANING

believe

rely

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each prompt aloud and give students time to circle a word. Then listen to each student's explanation of the motto. Note the accuracy of the explanation and any support given separately.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · FIND WORDS

SAY "A motto is a short saying. Listen to each question and circle one word."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Our country's official motto is 'In ... we trust.' Which word goes in the missing spot? Listen: gold, all, God. Circle one word.	**God**
b	Our country's official motto is 'In God we ...' Which word goes in the missing spot? Listen: trust, sing, play. Circle one word.	**trust**

PART 2 · TELL MEANING

SAY "Trace the words in the boxes. Then tell me in your own words what 'In God we trust' means. You may use a traced word if it helps. I will listen to your answer."

- Box 1: **believe**
- Box 2: **rely**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

The circled words are God, then trust. Accept an oral explanation such as, 'It means people believe in God and count on God.' Repeating 'we trust God' alone does not explain the meaning.