Vowel Team Twins

One sound, two ways to spell it

2.RF.3.b "Decode and encode sound-spelling correspondences for common vowel teams including diphthongs."

NAME _____ DATE _____

OI WORDS

The letters **oi** say /oi/. They can appear at the start or in the middle of a word.

soil

OY WORDS

The letters **oy** also say /oi/. They are often at the end of a word.

toy

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle SOIL or TOY to show which vowel team each word has; for Part 2, pick two words and explain how you knew.

1. coin — SOIL TOY

2. boil — SOIL TOY

3. boy — SOIL TOY

4. join — SOIL TOY

5. joy — SOIL TOY

6. enjoy — SOIL TOY

7. point — SOIL TOY

8. foil — SOIL TOY

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new word with **oi** and one new word with **oy**. Do not use words from Part 1 or the rule box.

SOIL _____

TOY _____

CHALLENGE

Use your two new words in one sentence, and underline both vowel teams.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	coin	**SOIL**	Coin has the vowel team oi.
2	boil	**SOIL**	Boil has the vowel team oi.
3	boy	**TOY**	Boy has the vowel team oy.
4	join	**SOIL**	Join has the vowel team oi.
5	joy	**TOY**	Joy has the vowel team oy.
6	enjoy	**TOY**	Enjoy has the vowel team oy at the end.
7	point	**SOIL**	Point has the vowel team oi.
8	foil	**SOIL**	Foil has the vowel team oi.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SOIL**: oil
- **TOY**: soy

Challenge: I mixed s<u>oy</u> sauce with <u>oi</u>l.

For Part 2, a student might explain, “Coin has oi,” and “Boy has oy.” Accept any two correctly identified words with explanations that name their vowel teams.