The OU Trail

Read common words with changing vowel sounds.

4.FFR.3.C "Read grade-level high-frequency words, including decodable and irregular words, with automaticity and accuracy."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every word that contains the letters ou, then read each underlined word aloud carefully because ou can sound different in different words.

Garden Helpers

1. After school, Maya walked to the community garden behind the library. Though the air was cool, she could see bright beans climbing a wooden frame. Mr. Chen said the garden needed water before the weekend. Maya found a green can, filled it at the tap, and carried it through the gate. A small sign asked visitors to share the path with bees.

2. Near the fence, Maya met Luis, who was picking fallen leaves from the soil. "We should keep these," he said. "They will help the ground stay healthy." Together, the children made a pile beside the compost bin. Once the pile was large enough, Mr. Chen covered it with a lid. He told them that tiny living things would break down the leaves over time.

3. Before leaving, Maya wrote a note for her class. It read, "Our garden gives food and a safe place for insects. Please come on Tuesday and bring a cup for watering." At home, Maya washed the soil from her hands. She knew that each small job mattered. The beans would grow, and the people who visited the library could enjoy the garden in summer.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 1, copy the underlined word whose ou sounds like the ou in cloud.

2. In paragraph 1, copy the underlined word whose ou sounds like the oo in book.

3. In paragraph 2, copy the underlined word that ends in -ough.

4. In paragraph 3, copy the underlined word that means "belonging to us."

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose four underlined words that are not answers to Questions 1 through 4. Copy the four words, then write one original sentence that uses at least two of them.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.FFR.3.C

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline every word that contains the letters ou, then read each underlined word aloud carefully because ou can sound different in different words. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, copy the underlined word whose ou sounds like the ou in cloud.	**found**
2	In paragraph 1, copy the underlined word whose ou sounds like the oo in book.	**could**
3	In paragraph 2, copy the underlined word that ends in -ough.	**enough**
4	In paragraph 3, copy the underlined word that means "belonging to us."	**Our**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Words: though, through, should, would. Though the trail was wet, we should walk through the gate slowly.

Accept correct spellings, with capitalization optional when a word is copied from the beginning of a sentence. For the open task, accept any four underlined words that are not question answers and an original grammatical sentence using at least two of those words.