

### The Poor Man and the Toad



In an oak grove by a lake lived a poor man with his parents.



The man was so poor that no lady wished to marry him. When a lady came to see him, he treated her to an oat loaf and a fish. In the end, the family had no oats and no fish.



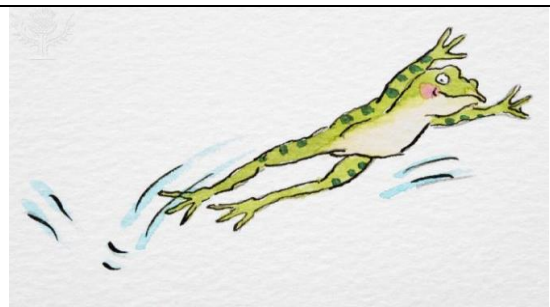
Then, the poor man said to his parents: "I will take my boat and go fishing. Wish me luck". He put the boat in the water, dipped the oars and left the shore.



It was windy, and he wore a coat. But there were no fish that day. The poor man sat lonely in his boat with no hope for a better life.



Suddenly, a toad croaked. A toad was floating in the water nearby.



He fished the toad from the water with his oar and it hopped into the boat.



The toad trembled. It said: "I have a sore throat". The poor man felt its pain as it spoke.



He took off his coat and put the toad inside. "I will take it home," he said. "It will be warm there".



At home he put his coat on the floor and opened it. There was a roar in the room. Not a toad but a very pretty lady stood in the middle of the room.



"Don't be afraid!" she said to the poor man. "I am a princess. A wicked fairy made me into a toad and sent me far off the coast. Only a kind and warm man can undo the magic".






"Be my prince," said the princess to the poor man. "Let's move to my palace and marry." They took his parents with them.



The king and the queen were happy. They made a big wedding feast. There were roasted meat and foaming ale. The prince and the princess were happy together ever since.

Word List

1		oats	
2		boat	
3		oar	
4		coat	
5		hope	
6		hop	
7		float	
8		toad	
9		roar	
10		coast	
11		throat	
12		roast	

## Online Games:

<https://wordwall.net/resource/61123019>

<https://wordwall.net/resource/61129104>

# Games: Vowel Teams

## 1. Happy Family Pairs

**Preparation:** Each board has 2 spots, each one for a pile of a 4 card-family that spells that long vowel sound. Cut out boards and cards on the heavy black lines. Glue the boards and cards onto heavy paper \*\*.

**Materials:** 4 heavy paper boards, 32 cards, words to glue onto the cards (optional).

**Goal:** Practice vowel teams and promote sight memory of related words.

The purpose of the game is to assemble and match 4 pairs of families (long *ō*, *ā*, *ē* and *ū* vowels). Before the game starts, the participants should be reminded of the sound each of the vowel signs represents.

**Rules:** (for two players): arrange the boards in front of the players, shuffle the cards, deal each player 4 cards, put the remaining pack aside each card face down. Each time the players exchange one card with each other (face down) trying to assemble a family of four cards of the same spelling of a long vowel sound. After 3 times of exchange in a row the players are allowed to get rid of 2 of their cards and take 2 new cards from the pack. Every time a player assembles a family, he/she notifies the others, names the vowel, reads out the words and places the 4 cards face up in one of the 2 empty spots on a board, then takes 4 new cards from the pack to continue the game.

Rules for three and more players: no need to pick 2 new cards from the pack. Each player exchanges cards with his/her neighbor in a circle two players at a time. Every time a player assembles a family, he/she takes 4 new cards to continue the game. One who matches most of the families wins.

\*\*To save time and effort you can cut the words out of the table below and glue them on cards ready for use. Note: Each table row contains a spelling of a long vowel sound. Enjoy!

## Happy Family game:

This is an alternative to the Happy Family Pairs game with the boards. The purpose of this game is just to assemble a family of four cards of the same spelling of a long vowel sound. The first one who assembles a family lays down his/her cards face up saying "Happy family". He/she should name the vowel and read out the assembled words.

road	boat	soap	roast
hope	smoke	note	nose
plane	sale	safe	tale
pain	train	rain	tail
weak	heat	meat	steal
week	sweet	meet	feel
fool	goose	roof	food
huge	use	cute	tube

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