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Words with new phonetic element	brown, bounce, cloud, clown, couch, cow, crown, down,rouch, fowl, found, frown, hound, house, howl, mouse, out, owl, scowl, town	Reviewed phonetic elements	diphthong /oi/; variant vowels
New phonetic element	diphthong /ou/; ou, ow	Story words	silly, wrong
Reviewed story words	face, far, people	Reviewed high-frequency words	around
Special considerations	inflectional endings -ed, -ing, -s, -y;	possessive 's;	two-syllable decodable words

ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK



In a small town far away, there was  
a clown who had lost her smile.  
Some days her face had a frown.  
Some days her face had a scowl.

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without his smile.

And he is such a grouch with a crown

the king frowns too.

If a clown has a frown,

spoiled their day.

thought that clowns with frowns

The people of the town

to hang over the clown.

A black cloud seemed



The people went from house to house  
looking for the clown's smile.  
They looked all around.  
They looked up and down.  
They looked all around.  
but no one found the clown's smile.



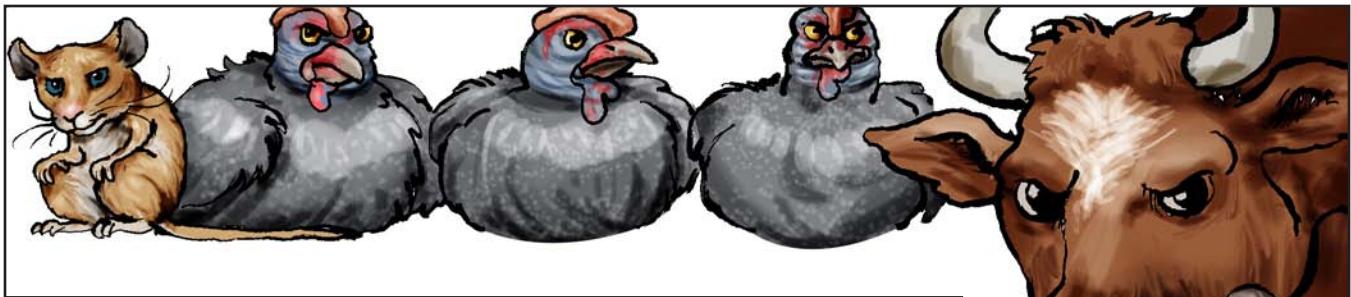
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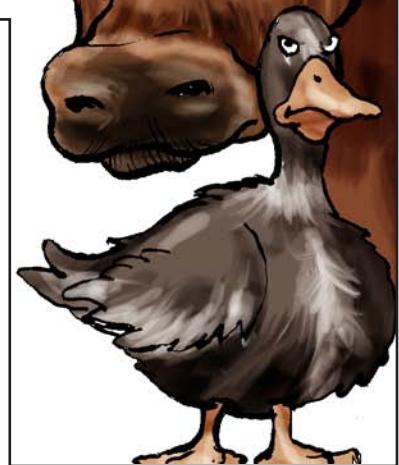
The hound growled and said no.  
if he had seen the clown's smile.  
They asked a brown hound

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They asked the brown mouse  
if she had seen the clown's smile.  
They asked cows and lots of fowl  
if they had seen the clown's smile.  
They all scowled and said no.



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The clown's smile must come from inside the clown."  
The clown's smile will never be found around town.  
The owl said, "You are looking in the wrong place.  
Then they saw a wise owl.  
No one found the clown's smile.



The people had to make the clown smile.

They hired a funny mouse.

The people sat the clown on a couch.

They had the mouse bounce  
and howl for the clown.



The clown had never seen  
such a silly mouse.  
It made the clown smile.  
It made the king smile.  
And that made everyone  
around town smile.

