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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.



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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.



ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK

New phonic element diphthong /ou/: ou, ow

Words with new phonic element brown, bounce, cloud, clown, couch, cow, crown, down, grouch, fowl, found, frown, hound, house, howl, mouse, out, owl, scowl, town

Reviewed phonic elements diphthong /oi/; variant vowels

Story words silly, wrong

Reviewed story words face, far, people

New high-frequency word around

Special considerations inflectional endings -ed, -ing, -s, -y;
 possessive 's;
 two-syllable decodable words

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



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.



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.



A black cloud seemed
to hang over the clown.
The people of the town
thought that clowns with frowns
spoiled their day.
If a clown has a frown,
the king frowns too.
And he is such a grouch with a crown
without his smile.

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





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 town,
but no one found the clown's smile.