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Grow Your phonics Skills!

Look for



Try these decodable words!

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nevertheless

through

New Vocabulary

far-fetched: not likely to happen

Let's Read!

Scan the QR code
to watch a fun 2-minute
video about the book.



I ought to be overjoyed to run my first race, although I am faint-hearted and on edge. Have I practiced enough? Is it far-fetched to think I could win?

I stretch throughout my whole body to get ready. It doesn't appear overcrowded.



My friend Pough is the front-runner. Her speed is unmatched. She has a thorough training program. She runs through the park every day. Although, today, she woke up a bit lightheaded. Nevertheless, Pough is going to try to tough it out and run the race.

COUGH!
COUGH!



The crowd spills into the football field. The cross-country racers line the track.

Then, an earsplitting sound rings through the loudspeaker. It's time to run!



We run through the park and
through the rough roads of the
town.

We run along the seashore and
past some skyscrapers. We even
run through an underground tunnel!

I run so hard that I feel lightheaded!
My fast-moving legs feel like dough!



This is tougher than I thought!
Maybe my training wasn't thorough
enough after all! This is rough! The
views in the park are outstanding,
though!

Pough calls back to me, "Don't
give up!"

I push through. The end of the
race is breathtaking.



Pough wins first place, and I win runner-up! I ought to be proud, and I am! We don't leave empty-handed. We both get medals. Although, Pough's is much bigger than mine.



Pough is kind-hearted and offers to help me train.

"Thanks! Maybe I'll be an outstanding hard-worker like you someday!" I say.

"That will be tough," Pough laughs.

"Let's run the fundraiser race next month. It is through the woods and has mind-blowing views!"

Pough is a front-runner in friendship too!





Phonics Fun

Write 2 words you know that will help you remember words with ough.



Comprehension

Using words from the book, can you explain why the main character was proud at the end?



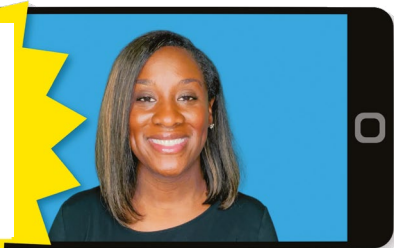
Decodable Words

although	faint-hearted	hard-worker	outstanding	skyscraper
breathtaking	far-fetched	kind-hearted	overcrowded	thorough
cross-country	fast-moving	lightheaded	overjoyed	though
dough	football	loudspeaker	Pough	through
earsplitting	friendship	mind-blowing	rough	throughout
empty-handed	front-runner	nevertheless	runner-up	tough
enough	fundraiser	ought	seashore	underground



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