Common letter strings

Explanation

Sometimes you see the same strings of letters in many words. These letter strings can represent different sounds in different words.

Example could would should shoulder mould

Look out for words with the same letter string and learn them as a group even if the letter string makes a different sound.

Activities

1. Complete these word chains by adding other words with the same letter string (even if the sound is different). The first one has been started for you.

   a  enough ___ ough ___ ough ___ ough ___ ough

   b  height

   c  early

   d  notice

2. Look at the words in the box below. Find the pairs of words that have the same letter string but different sounds.

   quest drought caught flavour laugh courage antique thought

Write each pair of words below. Think of an extra word for each letter string and add it to the box.