

# 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 —   r  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.

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