

Maple Class, Year 5 Spelling, 6th October 2025

Learning Objective: -ough

Success Criteria:

- I will know **-ough** has seven different sounds linked to it.
- I will practise spelling **-ough** words using a range of strategies.

Pattern : -ough has **seven** different sounds! It is one of the hardest spellings in English. **Trace and copy each group of words**

| Trace and copy - ought (ort) | Trace and copy - ough (uff) | Trace and copy - ough (off) | Trace and copy - ough (long o) | Trace and copy - ough (oo) | Trace and copy - ough (uh) | Trace and copy - ough (ow) |
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| ought | enough | cough | though | through | borough | plough |
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| bought | rough | trough | dough | throughout | thorough | bough |
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| brought | tough | | although | | | drought |
| | | | | | | |
| fought | Practice ough spellings in this space in 2 colours, e.g. thought | | | | | |
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| thought | | | | | | |
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Top Tips for learning a spelling:

1. Test yourself – how many do you know? Look at what you got right and what you got wrong. Often, people are wrong only because of one letter.
2. Learn your spellings using scrabble tiles. Pick out the letters to make the word. Mix them up and make the word from memory.
3. Look at the way colour has been used in the examples. The colour is used to pick out the rule or the syllables: Write out your spellings using this two-colour method: vegetable
4. Find words within words: vegetable
5. Learn the rule. Make sure you understand it.
6. Make your own flashcards – learn three a day.