Y5 Ough Words

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1. Worked example

Spell the past tense of think

Step 1 · Say it: th-or-t

The 'or' sound

Step 2 · Use the ought family

th + ought

Answer: thought

Check: buy → bought, bring → brought, fight → fought, think → thought.

2. Now try one with the steps

Spell the word that means 'not smooth' and rhymes with 'stuff'

Step 1 · Which ough group sounds like 'uff'?

Step 2 · Start with r

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Write the past tense of buy.

2. Write the past tense of bring.

3. Write the past tense of fight.

4. Spell the word that rhymes with 'stuff' and means 'as much need'.

5. Spell the word that rhymes with 'stuff' and means 'strong, hard to break'.

6. Spell the word for bread mixture before it is baked. It rhymes with 'go'.

7. Spell the word that sounds like 'off' and means a noise you make when you have a cold.

8. Spell the farm tool that turns the soil. It rhymes with 'cow'.

9. Which word has a different ough sound: thought, bought, rough?

10. Correct the spelling: 'She was very thorogh.'

11. Correct the spelling: 'Althow it rained, we played.'

12. through, though or thorough? 'She gave the room a ___ clean.'

13. through, though or thorough? 'The train went ___ the tunnel.'

14. Why is ough tricky for spelling?

4. Before you hand it in

thort, brort, bort
thought, brought, bought: the past tense family uses ought.

enuff, tuff
enough, tough, rough

Mixing up through, though and thorough

through = in one side, out the other; though = however; thorough = careful and complete.

allthough

although, like always and already.