Vowel Diphthong Bingo

Directions

1. Vowel diphthongs are vowels that glide in the middle as you say the sound. Say the word "toy" out loud. Did you notice when you said the **oy** in **toy** that it sounded like you said two vowel sounds? Due to regional accents, the sounds may not sound like two sounds (for example, *oil* is pronounced as if it rhymes with *all* in the South and in Texas). The goal of this activity is to know which vowel diphthong (**ou**, **ow**, **oi**, **oy**) is used to spell specific words.

2. Cut out word cards, shuffle, and place face down in a stack.

3. Cut out counters and place in the center of your playing area. You can use the provided counters or anything small (for example, buttons, pennies, beans, rolled up small piece of paper from junk mail).

4. Provide your child and yourself with a Vowel Diphthong Bingo board.

5. Select the top word card from the stack and read it without your child seeing it.

6. Ask your child to repeat the word and identify the diphthong sound and spelling (for example, **cow**, **/ow/**, **ow**).

7. Ask your child to search for the correct diphthong that makes that sound on his or her board and cover it with a counter.

8. Reverse roles and continue until one person gets four counters in a row, a column, or diagonal.

9. Discuss the meanings of any unknown words.

Key

oi is usually in the **middle** of words.	**oy** is usually at the **end** of words.	**ou** is usually at the **beginning** or **middle** of words.	**ow** is usually at the **end** of words.
join	boy	sprout	cow
coin	Toy	couch	plow
boil	Joy	sour	now
moist	ploy	pout	bow
point	Troy	round	prowl
spoil	Roy	proud	scowl

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oi	oy	ow	ou
ou	ow	oy	oi
ow	oi	ou	oy
oy	ou	oi	ow

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oy	oi	ou	ow
oi	ou	ow	oy
ow	oy	oi	ou
oi	oy	ou	ow
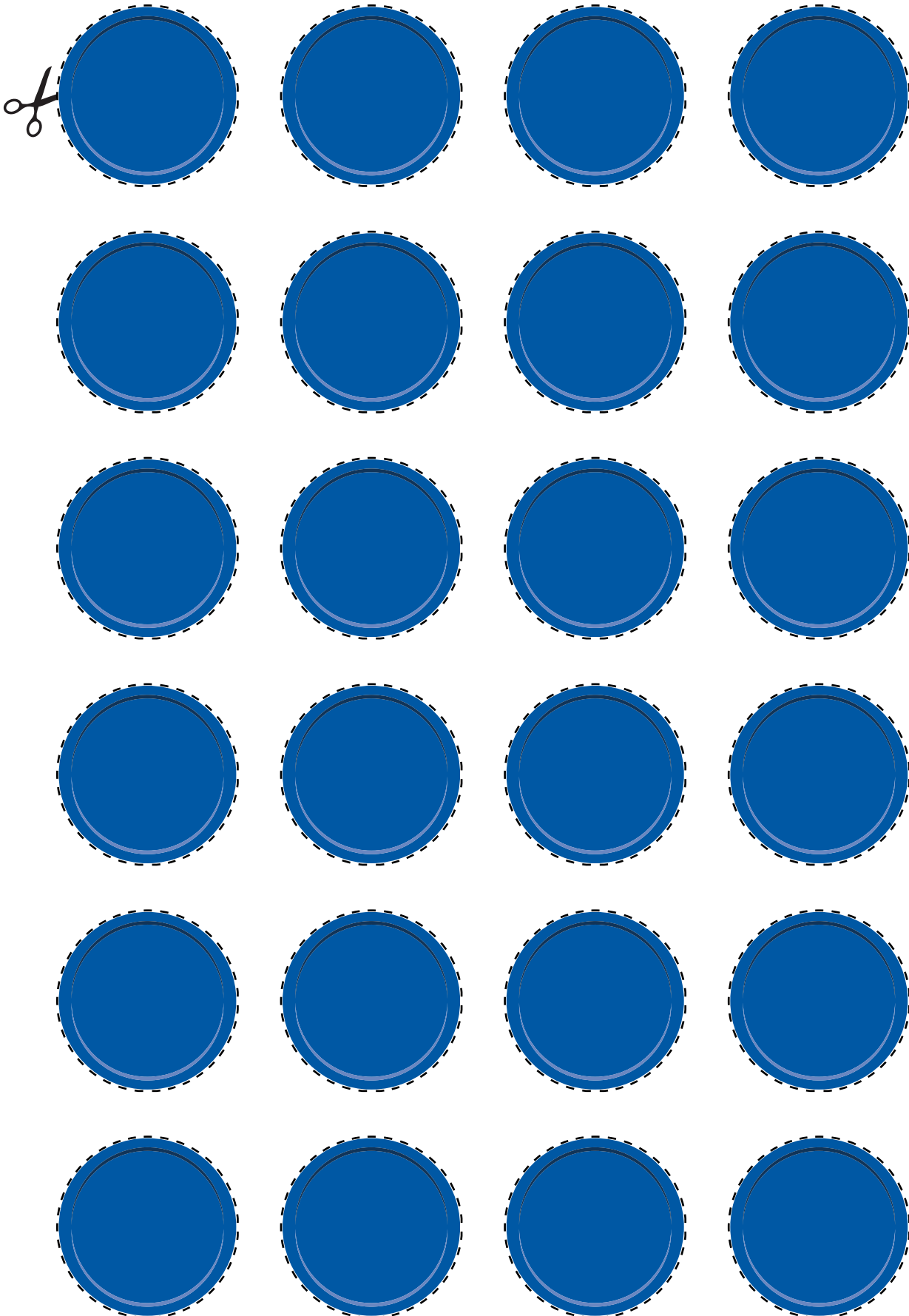
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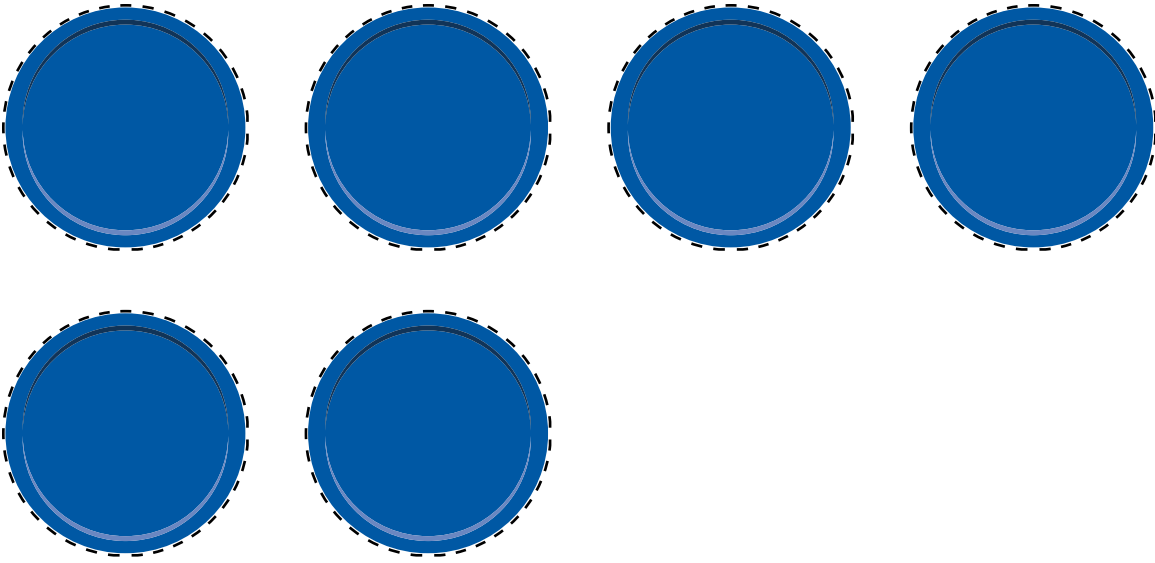
counters

join	coin
point	moist
boil	spoil
boy	toy

word cards

joy	ploy
Troy	Roy
sprout	couch
sour	pout

word cards

round	proud
cow	plow
now	bow
prowl	scowl

word cards