

Kate's Big Soup Pot



Four of her young cousins were going to come for lunch today, so Kate made a little pot of soup. Then she heard a knock.



Kate opened the door, and her mouth fell open too. A whole group of cousins stood there! There were eight of them. That was double what she had planned for.



"We all came from the southern hills," said the youngest cousin. "Can we have soup too?" Kate felt nervous. She looked into the little pot.



There was not much soup in it.
"I am in trouble," she
whispered. "This will not fill
nine cups." "Do not fret," said
one cousin. "We each packed
one thing from home."



You can use them all." Kate got
out her big pot and put it on the
stove. She tipped the little pot
of soup into it.



One cousin dropped in a yam.
One dropped in a chunk of ham.
Two cousins put in rice. The
youngest held up a bag of
croutons.



"Do not touch the hot pot," said
Kate. "Just toss them in." Soon
the pot was full to the brim, and
the soup smelled so good.



Kate filled nine cups. The whole group sat together and sipped the hot soup. "You turned my little lunch into the best soup yet," said Kate.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

Other sounds of OU: long OO in soup, short U in touch

OU — Other Sounds (soup, touch) words

young, cousins, soup, group, double, southern, youngest, cousin, trouble, you, croutons, touch

High-frequency words

to, a, she, the, and, was, said, have, it

Other story words

four, of, her, were, going, come, for, lunch, today, so, Kate, made, little, pot, then, heard, knock, opened, door, mouth, fell, open, too, whole, stood, there, eight, them, that, what, had, planned, we, all, came, from, hills, can, felt, nervous, looked, into, not, much, in, I, am, whispered, this, will, fill, nine, cups, Do, fret, one, each, packed, thing, home, use, got, out, big, put, on, stove, tipped, dropped, yam, chunk, ham, two, rice, held, up, bag, hot, just, toss, soon, full, brim, smelled, good, filled, sat, together, sipped, turned, my, best, yet

Talk About It

1. What did Kate make for lunch?
2. Why did Kate feel nervous?
3. How many cups did Kate fill at the end?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the OU — Other Sounds (soup, touch) list. How many can you find?