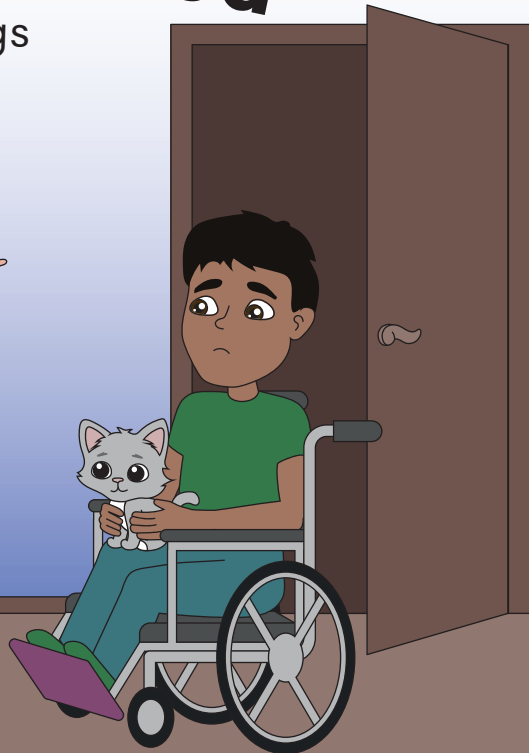
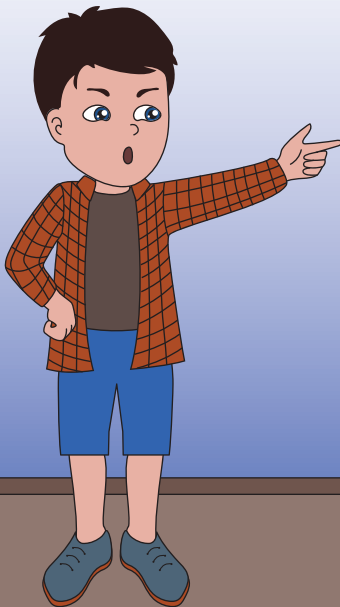
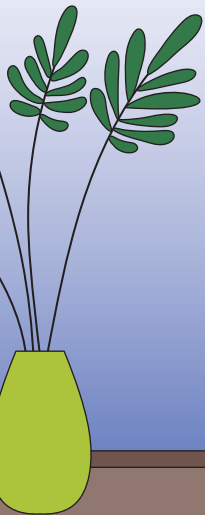


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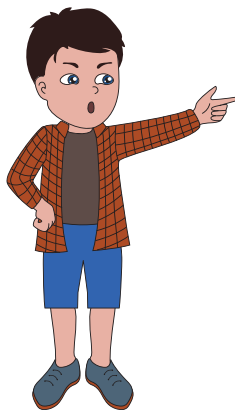
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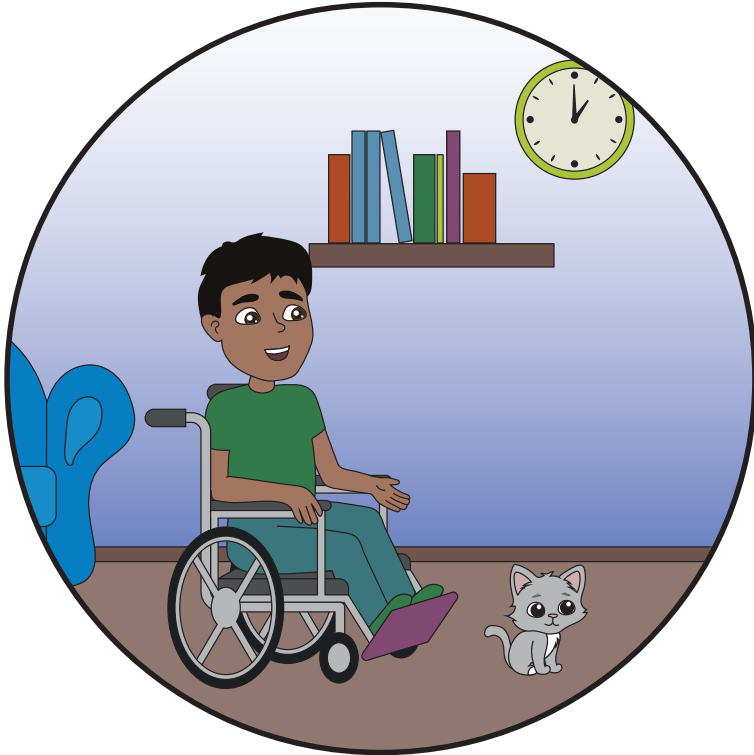
**The following diphthong words  
appear in this story:**

about	ground	points	sound
allowed	growls	pounces	spoil
claws	house	pouts	sprawls
couch	how	proudly	squawks
dip	howls	Saul	towel
down	lousy	Saul's	Troy
drowns	noise	scowls	yawn
found	out	shout	yawns
frown	outside	shouts	

“What is that sound?”  
Saul asks.



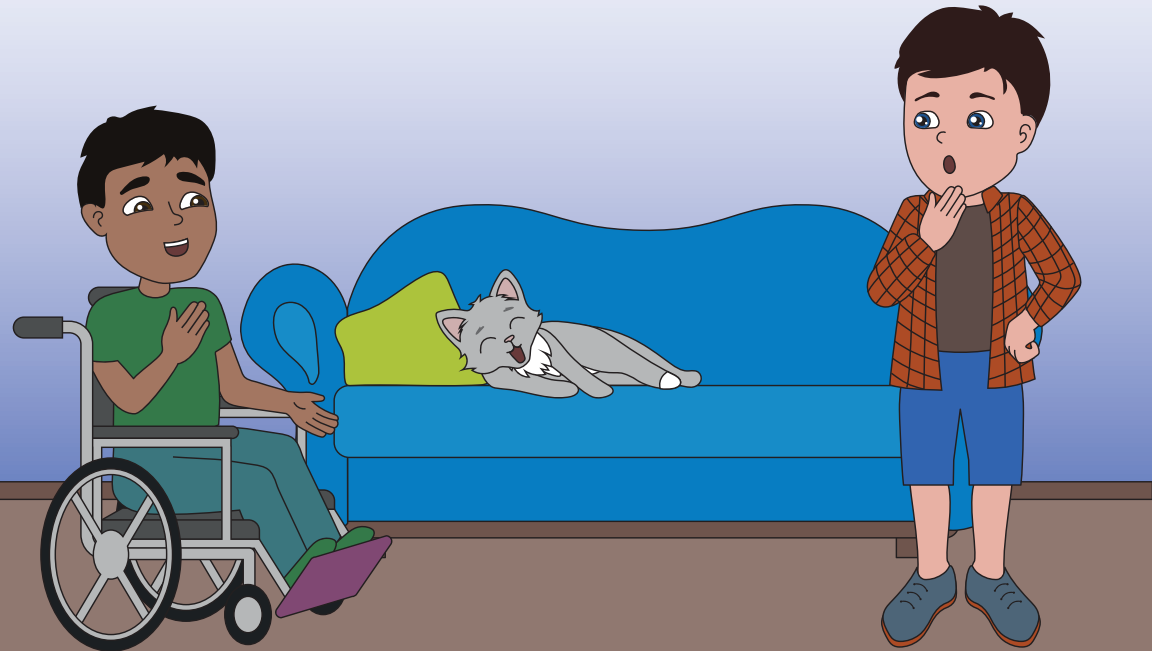
Troy points at the ground.  
"I found a cat!"



"Troy!" Saul shouts.  
"No cats allowed in the house!"



The cat pounces on the couch.  
It yawns a big yawn  
and sprawls out.

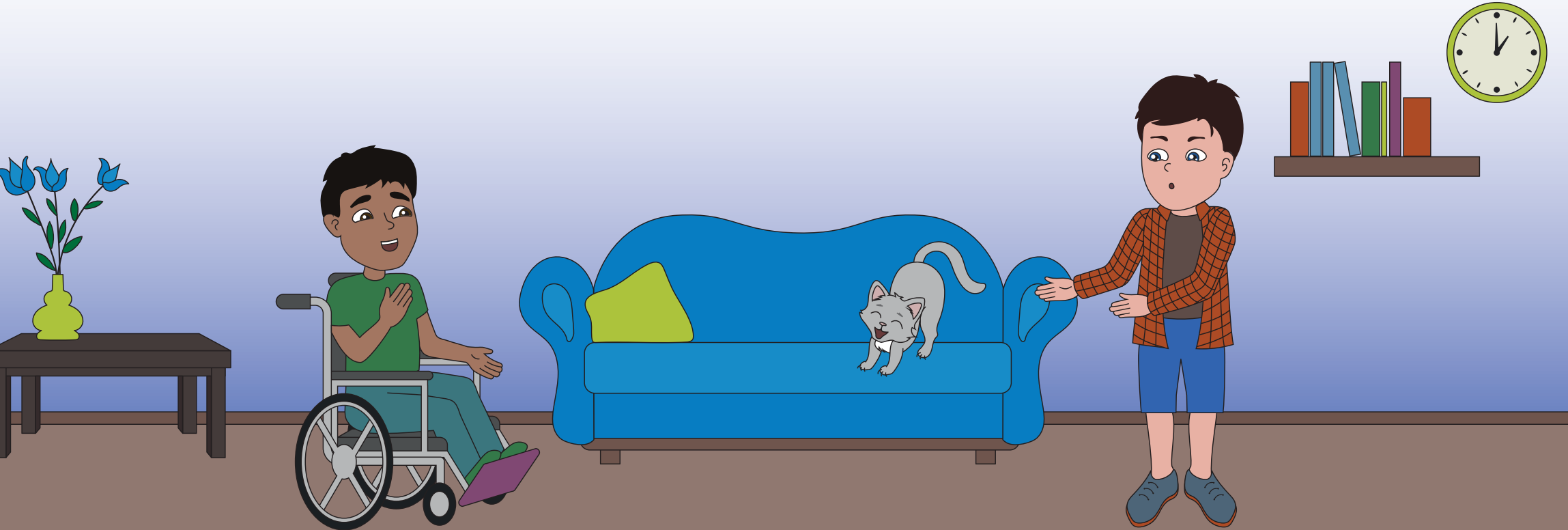


Saul scowls.  
“No cats allowed  
on the couch.”



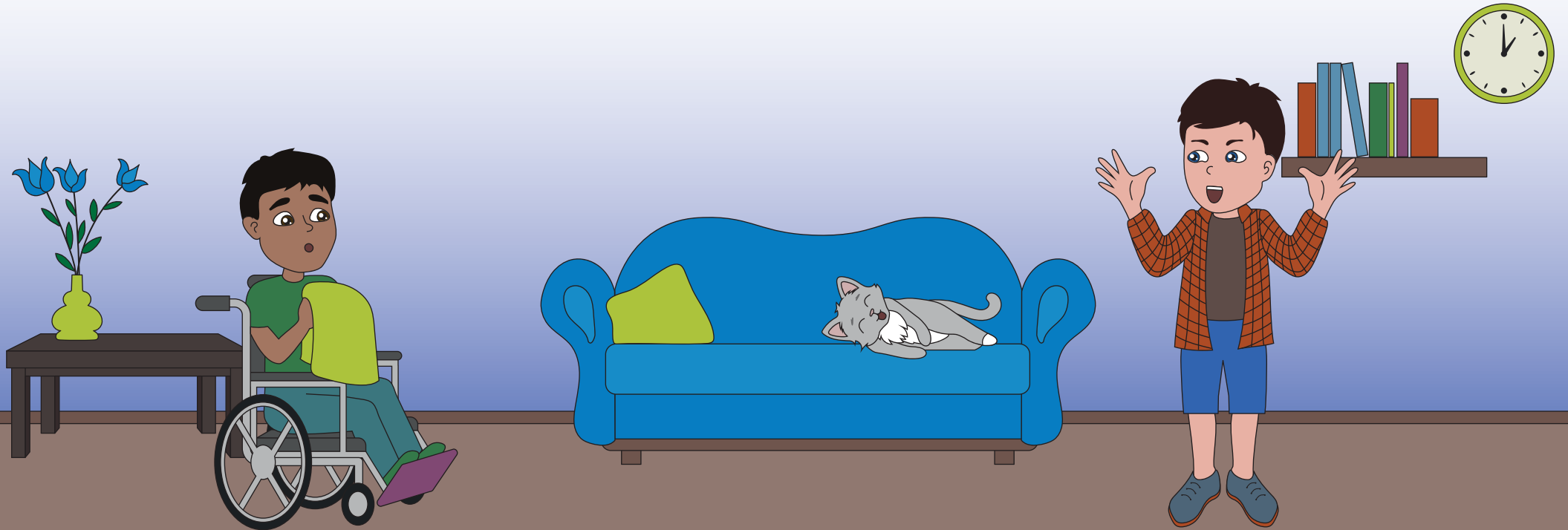
The cat claws at the couch.

“Lousy cat,” Saul growls.  
“Get down!”

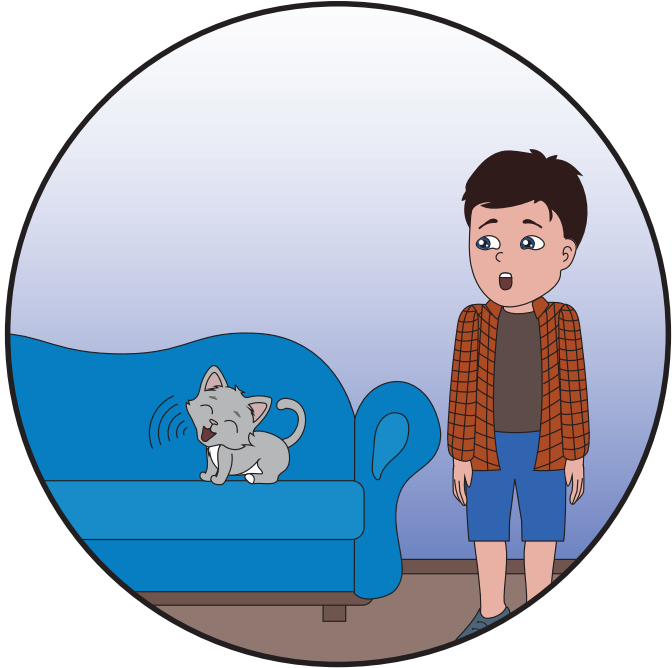


“How about we lay out a towel?” Troy suggests.

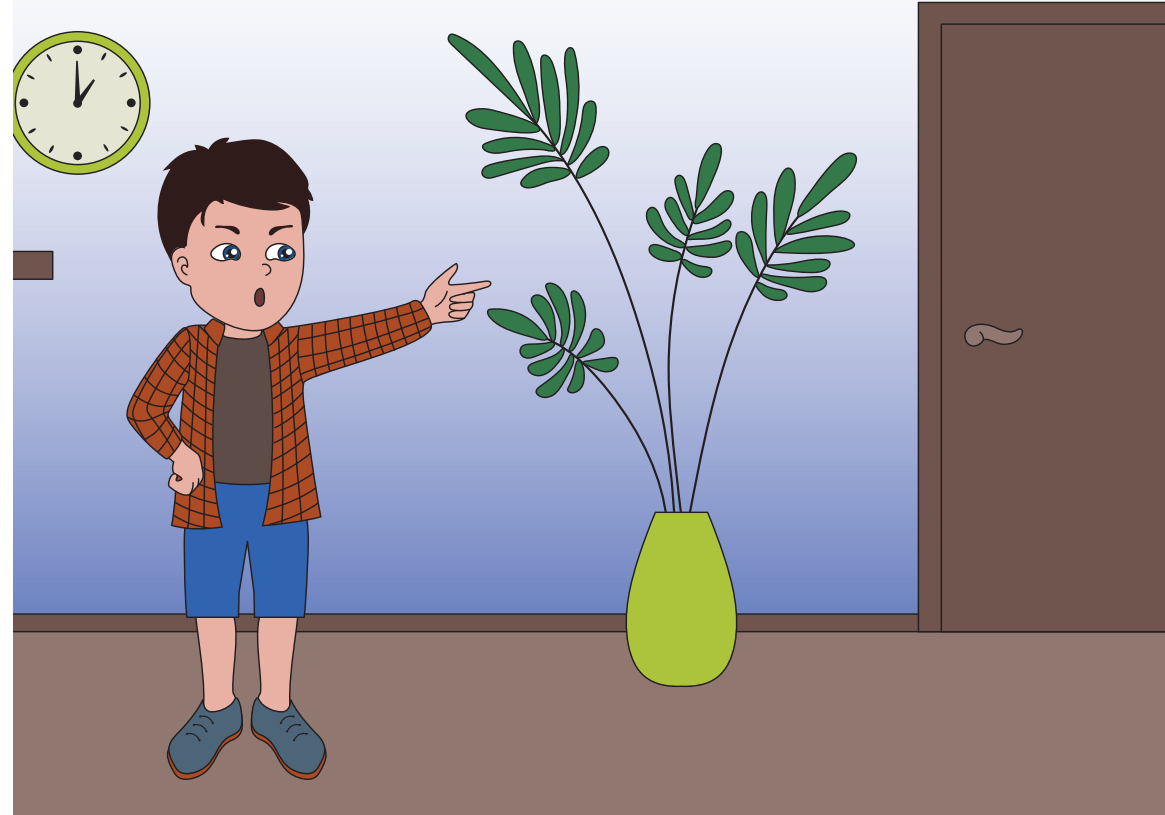
“His claws will rip the towel and spoil the couch,” Saul shouts.



The cat howls.  
The noise drowns out  
Saul's shout.

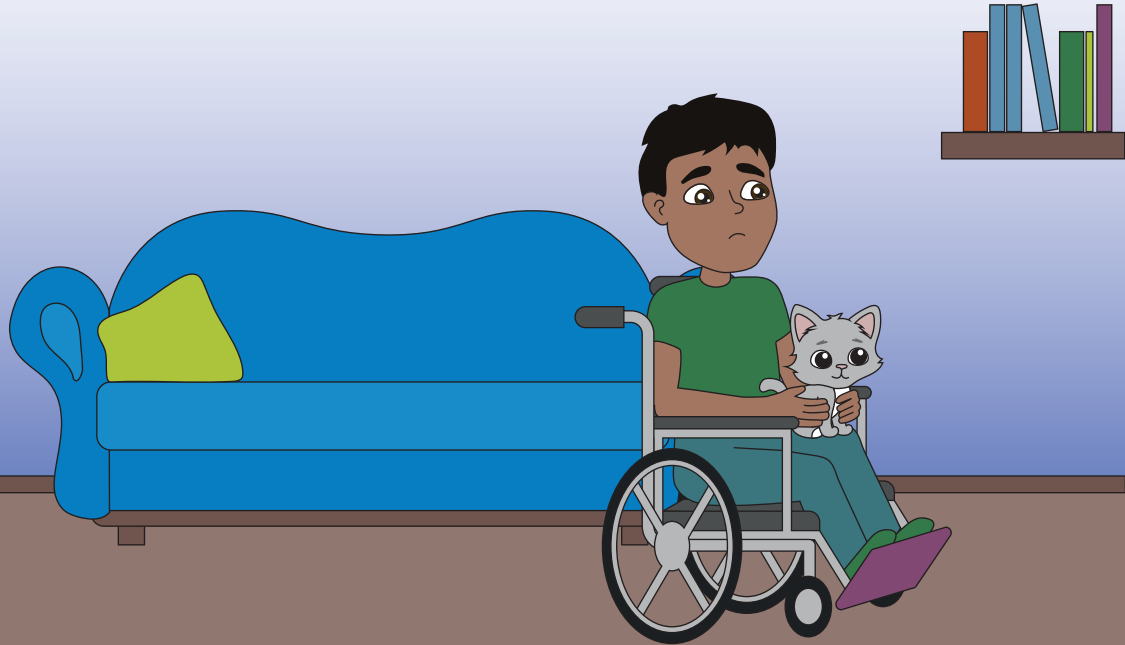


"Troy," Saul squawks.  
"No cats allowed. Get it out!"

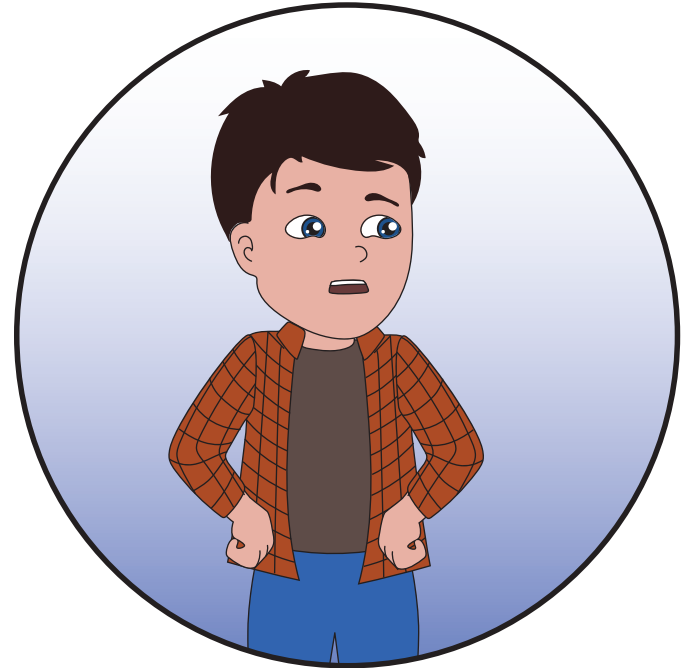




“Fine,” Troy pouts.  
“I will bring it outside.”



Saul grins.  
Then Saul starts to frown.  
“Troy. What is that noise?”



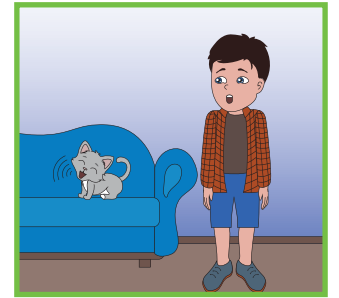
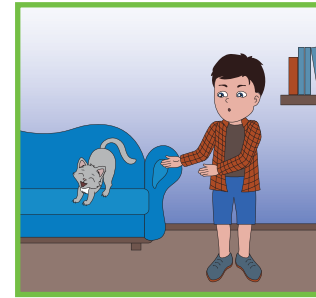
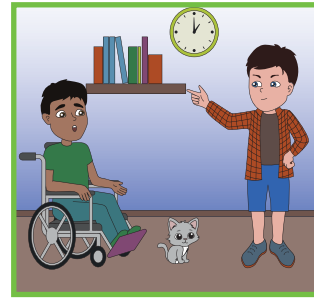
Troy smiles proudly.  
"I found a dog!"



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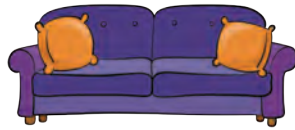
Read the sentence below. Then circle the picture that matches the sentence.

**The cat claws at the couch.**



# Let's Talk Literacy!

Each of the words below contains a **diphthong**. Sound out each word. Then draw a line from **each word** to its **matching picture**.



**boil** **couch** **crown** **jigsaw** **sauce** **toy**



# Let's Talk Literacy!

Read each sentence below.  
Then underline the words with a **diphthong**.

- 1. Paul enjoys a good bounce house.**
- 2. Loud noises annoy Saul.**
- 3. Troy lays a towel on the couch.**
- 4. Boyd paused by the toy chest.**

Answers: 1. Paul, enjoys, bounce, house; 2. loud, noises, annoy, Saul; 3. Troy, towel, couch; 4. Boyd, paused, toy

# Let's Talk Literacy!

Read each **diphthong word** in the word bank below. Then match each word to its definition.

**couch hawk vault crown**

1. a hat worn by a queen

2. a big bird

3. a place to sit

4. a place to keep things safe

Answers: 1. crown; 2. hawk; 3. couch; 4. vault

# Let's Talk Literacy!

Unscramble the letters to form a word with a **diphthong**. Then draw a line from the word to its matching picture. Keep the diphthong together.

**lotiet** \_\_\_\_\_

**rfloew** \_\_\_\_\_

**scuea** \_\_\_\_\_

**wapn** \_\_\_\_\_

**onpiso** \_\_\_\_\_



Answers: toilet, flower, sauce, pawn, poison

# Let's Talk Literacy!

Say the name of each **diphthong picture** below. As you speak, **tap out** the sounds for each word. Then **write the letter(s)** for each sound in the box.



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Answers: y-aw-n / b-oi-l / m-ou-se

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Fill in the **missing diphthong word** from each sentence.

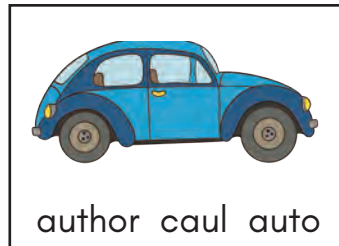
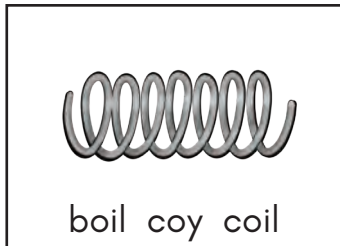
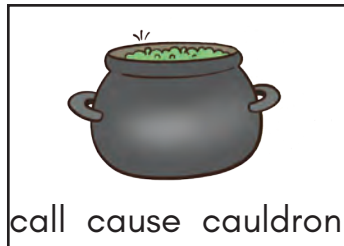
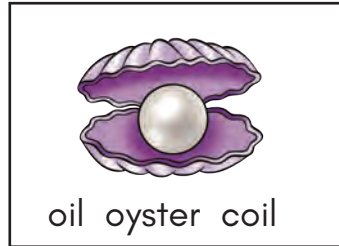
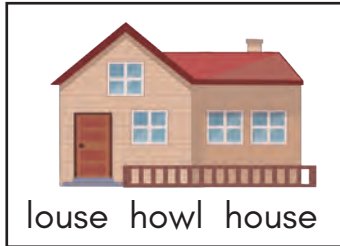
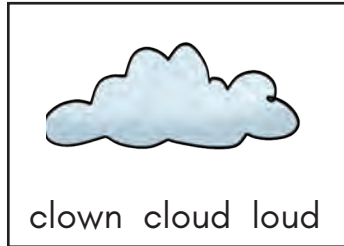
**claws cloud boy couch**

1. Troy bounced on the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Dawn met the \_\_\_\_\_ in town.
3. The hawk has big \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ looks like a mouse.

Answers: 1. couch; 2. boy; 3. claws; 4. cloud

# Let's Talk Literacy!

Look at each picture below. Then read the words below each picture. **Circle the word** that matches the picture.



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