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# Spot the -ough Words

Have you ever noticed how many different ways there are to say the –ough letter string? You'll be surprised! Complete each sentence with an –ough word from the list below. Careful! There are some extra ones you don't need!

~~although~~

e.g. I don't like eating vegetables, ~~but~~ I know they're good for me!  
although ✓

- 1) The soles of your trainers shouldn't be smooth – they need to be \_\_\_\_\_ so they can grip the floor.
- 2) We went shopping today and mum \_\_\_\_\_ me some new t-shirts.
- 3) Dr Who travels \_\_\_\_\_ space and time in the Tardis.
- 4) Even \_\_\_\_\_ it's not very sunny, it's quite warm today.
- 5) It's polite to put your hand over your mouth when you \_\_\_\_\_ , plus it stops the germs spreading around.
- 6) Last summer it didn't rain for weeks and the council stopped people using garden hosepipes because of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) We're making bread in D&T this week. First you have to mix the \_\_\_\_\_ from flour, water and yeast, then you knead it for ten minutes.
- 8) Gosh, that was a really \_\_\_\_\_ test – I don't think I got more than half right!
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_s is an old-fashioned word for the larger branches of a tree.
- 10) What was that? I \_\_\_\_\_ I heard a noise, but maybe it was just my imagination!
- 11) Another word for zero is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12) The farmer \_\_\_\_\_ed the field before planting new crops.

# Spot the -ough Words Answers

- 1) The soles of your trainers shouldn't be smooth – they need to be **rough** so they can grip the floor.
- 2) We went shopping today and mum **bought** me some new t-shirts.
- 3) Dr Who travels **through** space and time in the Tardis.
- 4) Even **though** it's not very sunny, it's quite warm today.
- 5) It's polite to put your hand over your mouth when you **cough**, plus it stops the germs spreading around.
- 6) Last summer it didn't rain for weeks and the council stopped people using garden hosepipes because of the **drought**.
- 7) We're making bread in D&T this week. First you have to mix the **dough** from flour, water and yeast, then you knead it for ten minutes.
- 8) Gosh, that was a really **tough** test – I don't think I got more than half right!
- 9) **Boughs** is an old-fashioned word for the larger branches of a tree.
- 10) What was that? I **thought** I heard a noise, but maybe it was just my imagination!
- 11) Another word for zero is **nought**.
- 12) The farmer **ploughed** the field before planting new crops.

## Word Bank

|          |        |            |         |
|----------|--------|------------|---------|
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| brought  | nought | drought    | rough   |
| ought    | plough | tough      | through |
| though   | cough  | bought     | thought |

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