

# A Day at the Zoo

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## Complex Combinations

This story compares three different ways of producing the same sound .. " oo ".

### Phonic Decoding

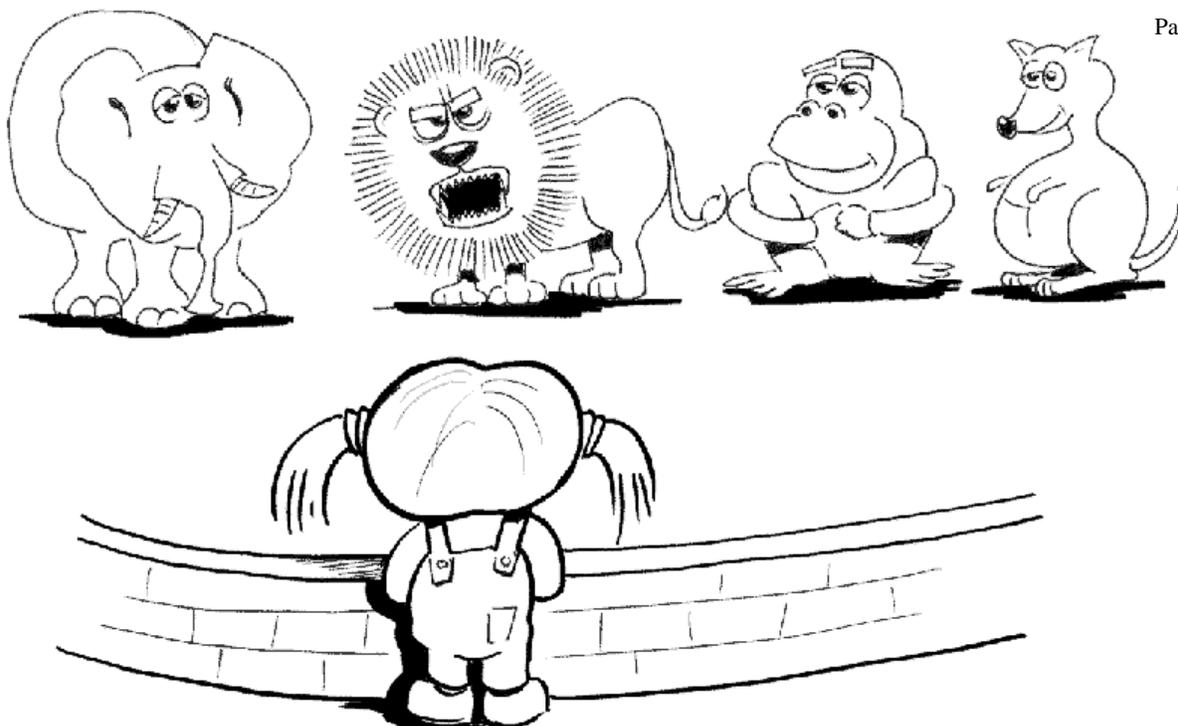
The Sound 'oo' - as in the word 'zoo'  
The Sound 'oe' - as in the word 'shoe'  
The Sound 'ew' - as in the word 'knew'

### Carefully Explain:

The Sound 'aught' - as in the word 'caught' - explain that the /gh/ is silent.

## Try These New Words

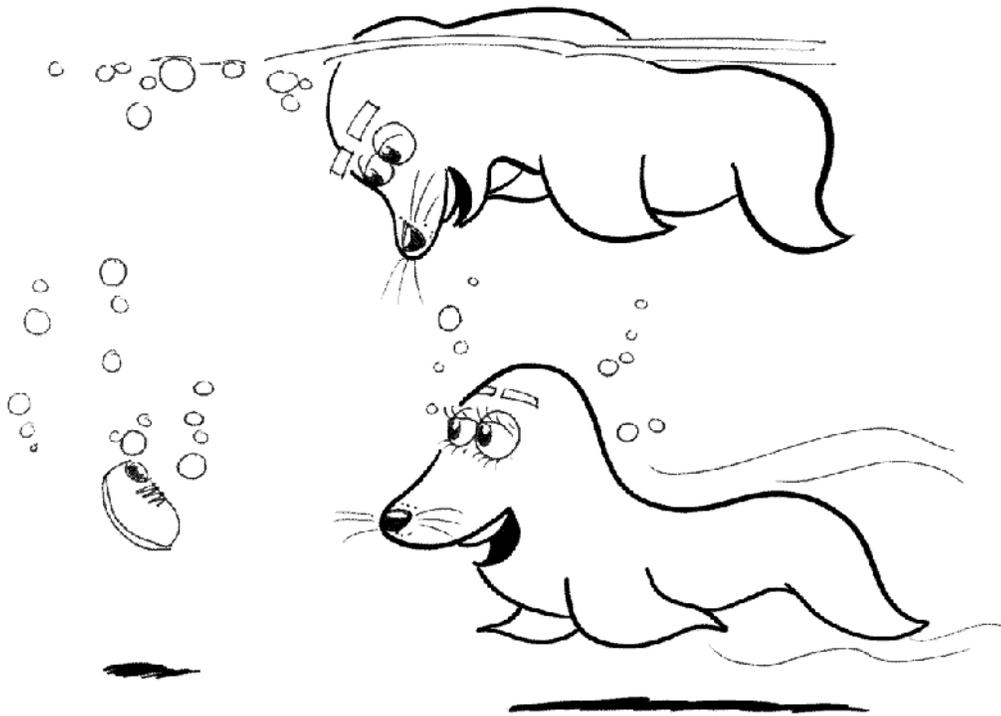
Caitlan hullabaloo caught keeper  
reached tossing watching sparkling  
started elephants gorillas kangaroo



It was a sunny day, so we took Caitlan to the Zoo.  
We saw elephants, lions, gorillas, then a kangaroo.

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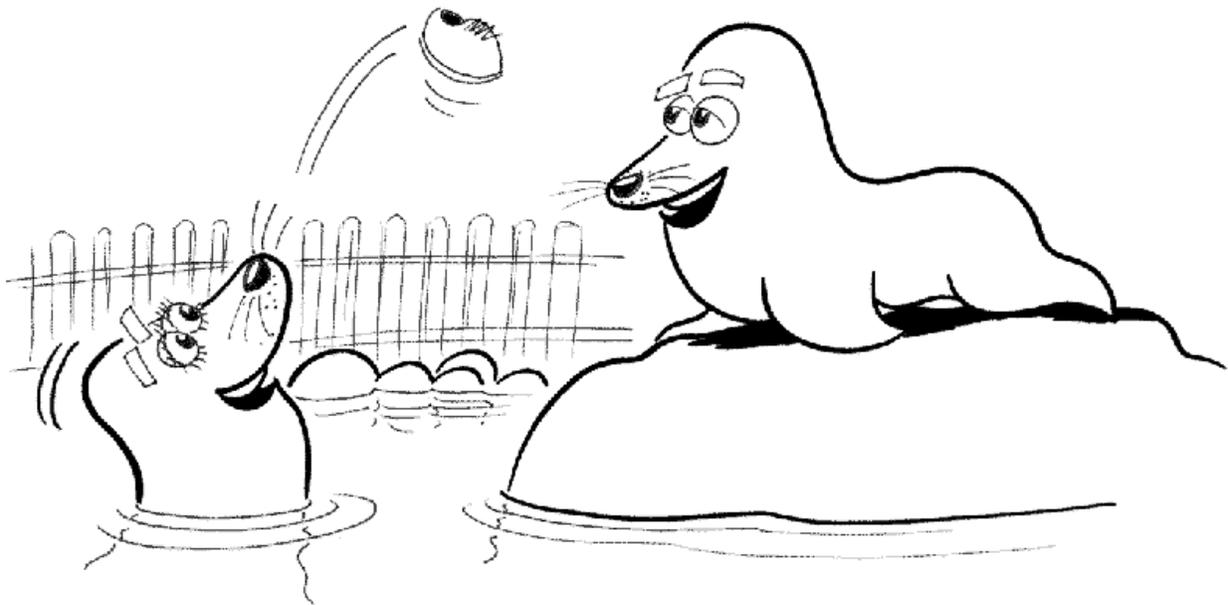
We lifted Caitlan high to see the seals ...  
next thing we knew, she had lost her shiny new shoe.



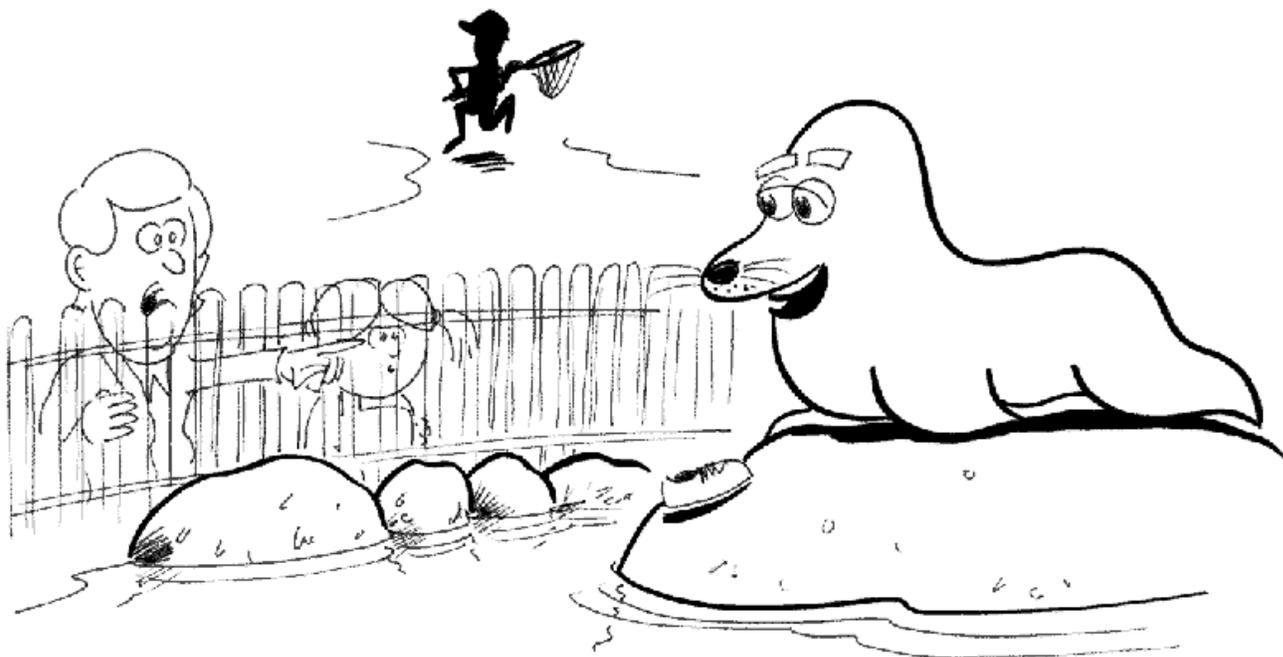
Down, down went Caitlan's new red shoe,  
deep down into the pool of sparkling blue.

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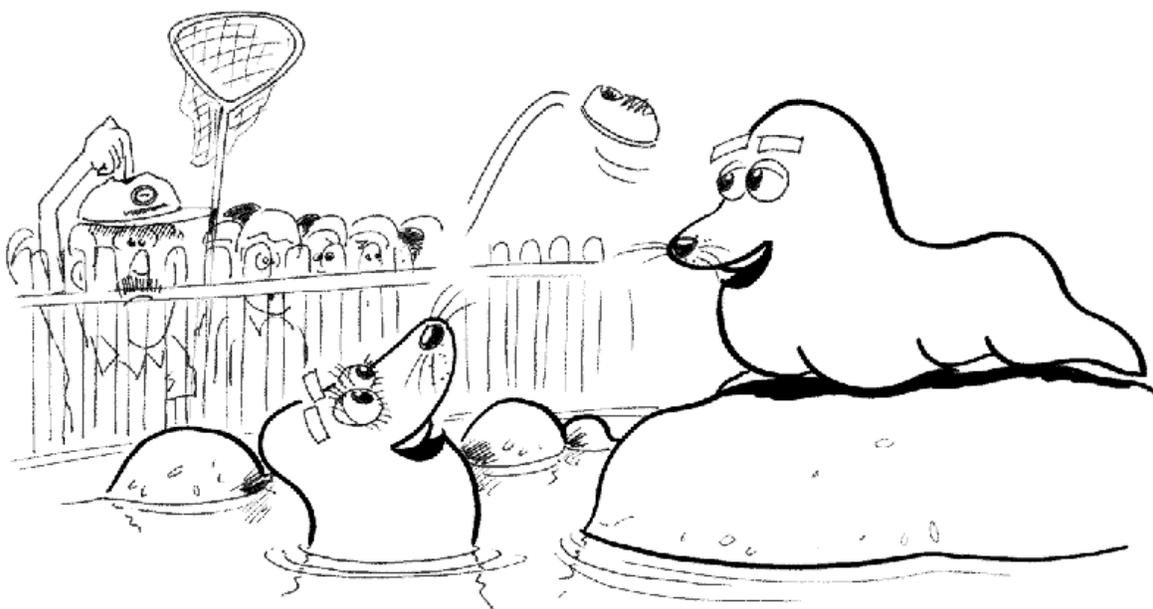
The seals looked up - they knew what to do.  
They started to play with Caitlan's new shoe.



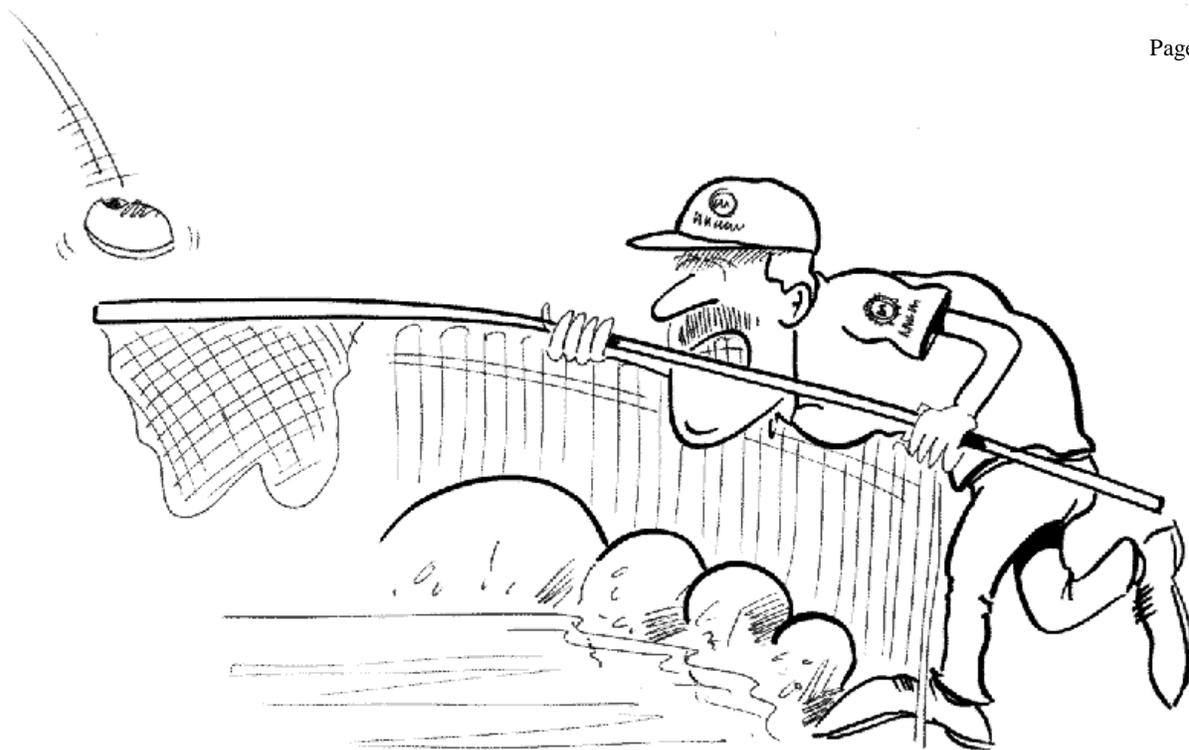
We called out to the Keeper of Seals at the zoo.  
He said, "I'll need a long net to fish out your new red shoe".

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A crowd gathered around - what a hullabaloo!  
All this fuss to get Caitlan's new red shoe.



The seal keeper reached over and netted the red shoe,  
shiny, wet and not so new.

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He said, "Here, now, little girl, you know what to do". "Keep  
your shoes on when you next visit the zoo".

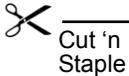
(And this story is true!)

## Extra Words

blue true Sue few  
stew threw

**Comprehension**

1. Where did Caitlan go for the day?
2. What animals did she see at the Zoo?
3. What happened at the seal pool?
4. Who did they call to get her shoe?
5. What colour was Caitlan's new shoe?



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Complete the sentences with these words.

took, elephants, zoo, kangaroo.

We \_\_\_\_\_ Caitlan to the \_\_\_\_\_.

We saw \_\_\_\_\_, lions,  
gorillas, then a \_\_\_\_\_.