

# The Castle

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## Complex Combinations

This story introduces more complex words, and is designed to teach students how to decode multi-syllable words, and break them into their components

### Phonic Decoding

The Sound 'ound' - as in the word 'around'

The Sound 'oat' - as in the word 'boat'

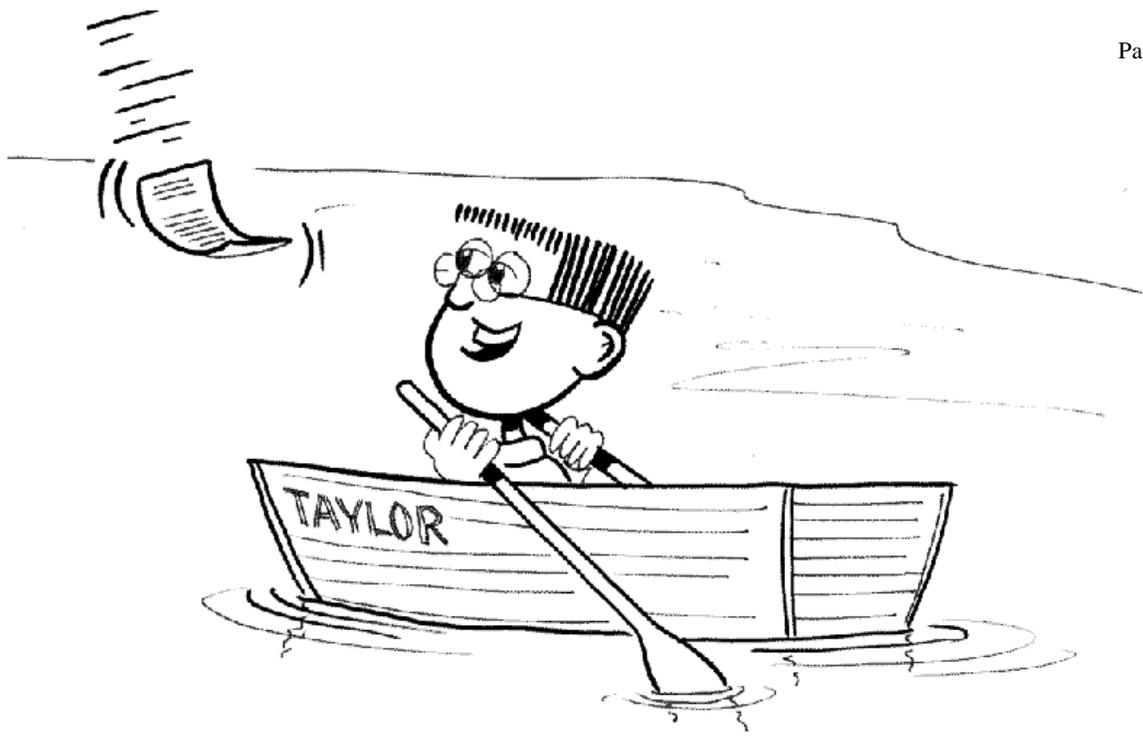
The Sound 'and' - as in the word 'grand'

### Carefully Explain:

The Sound 'igh' - as in the word 'sigh' - explain that the /gh/ is silent.

## Try These New Words

castle statues wondered imagined  
drawbridge armour attention secret  
exploring adventure

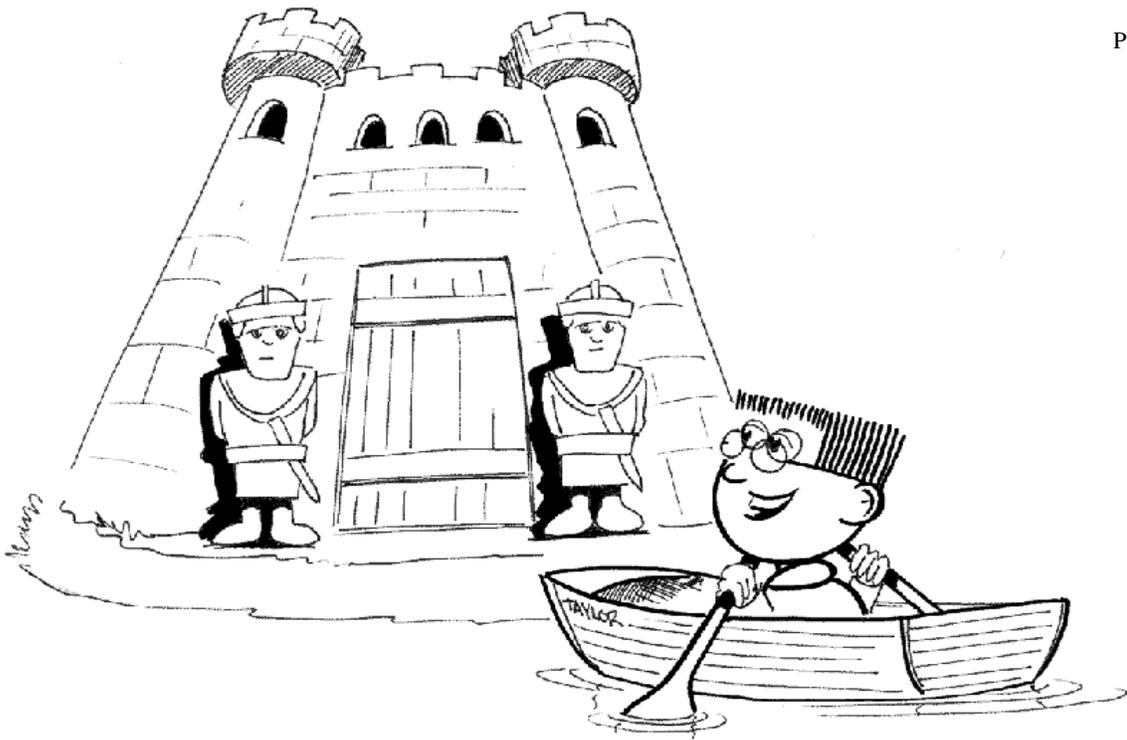


I was exploring the lake in my new boat, looking for adventure, when in flew a note.

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A map! It showed the way to a secret moat ...  
I went through a cave where waterlilies were afloat.



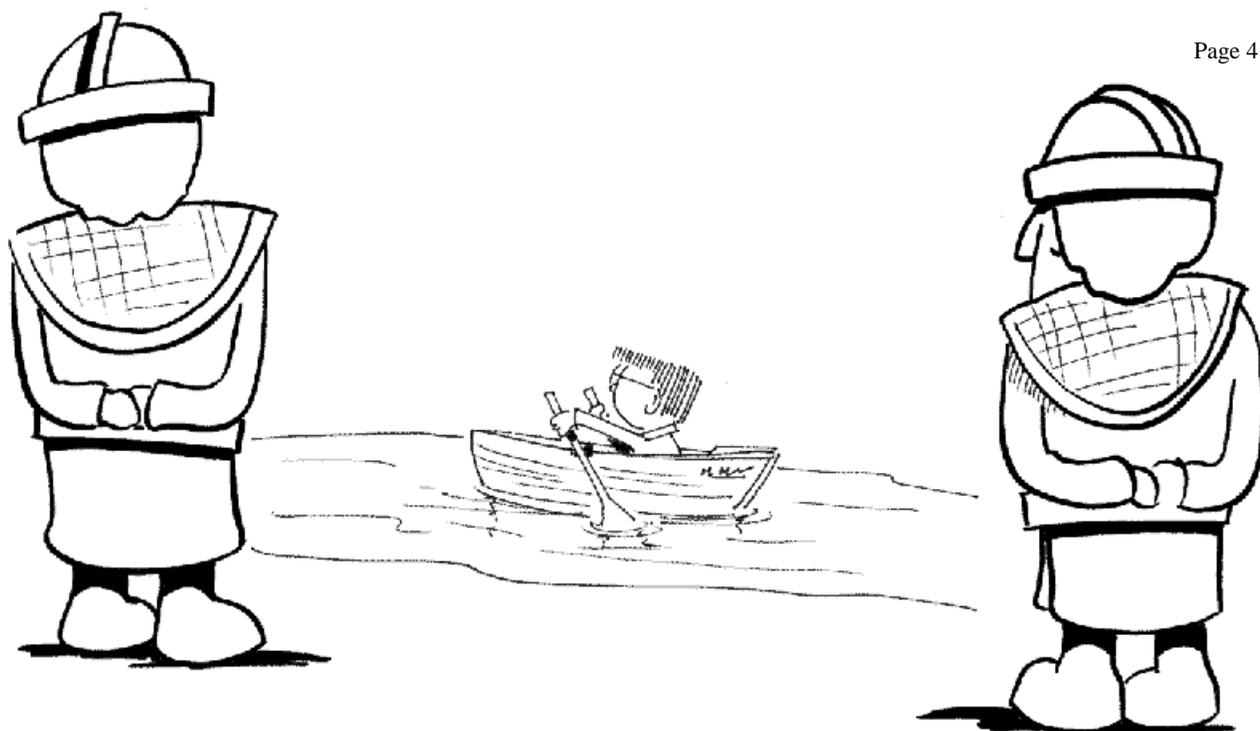
As I look up above me, I see a castle so grand,  
stone statues to protect it ... at attention they stand.

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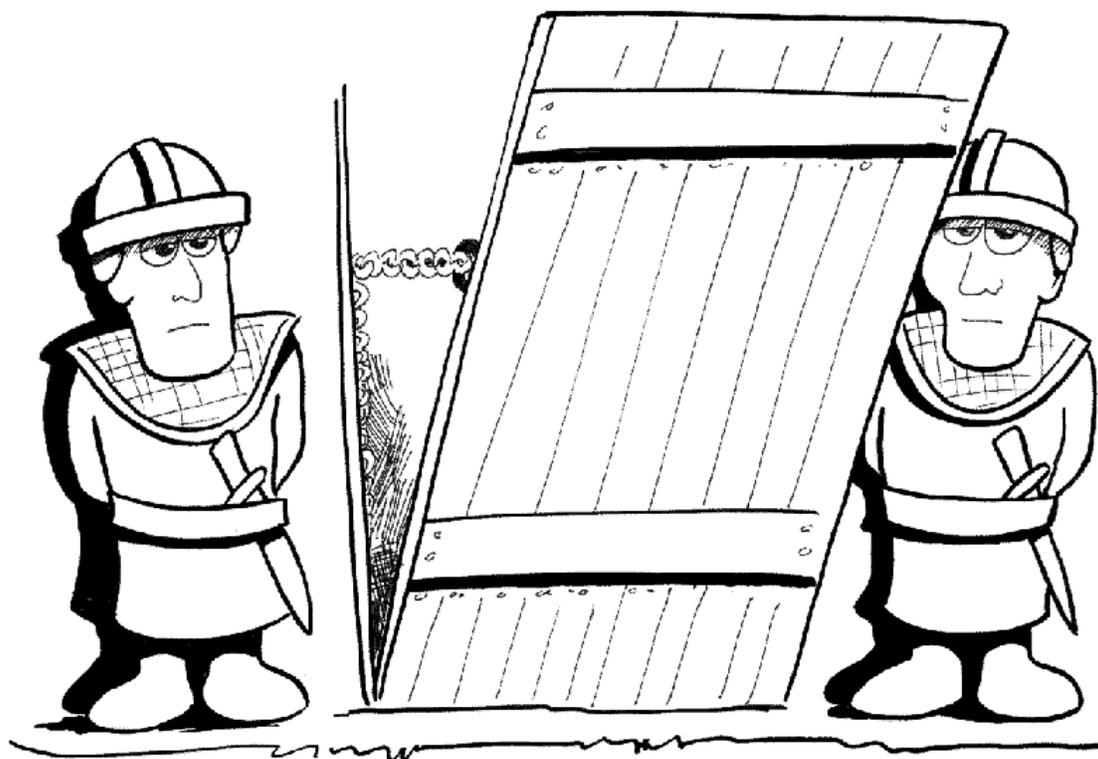
I passed a statue wearing armour, a sword and coat.  
The smile on his stone face was more like a gloat.



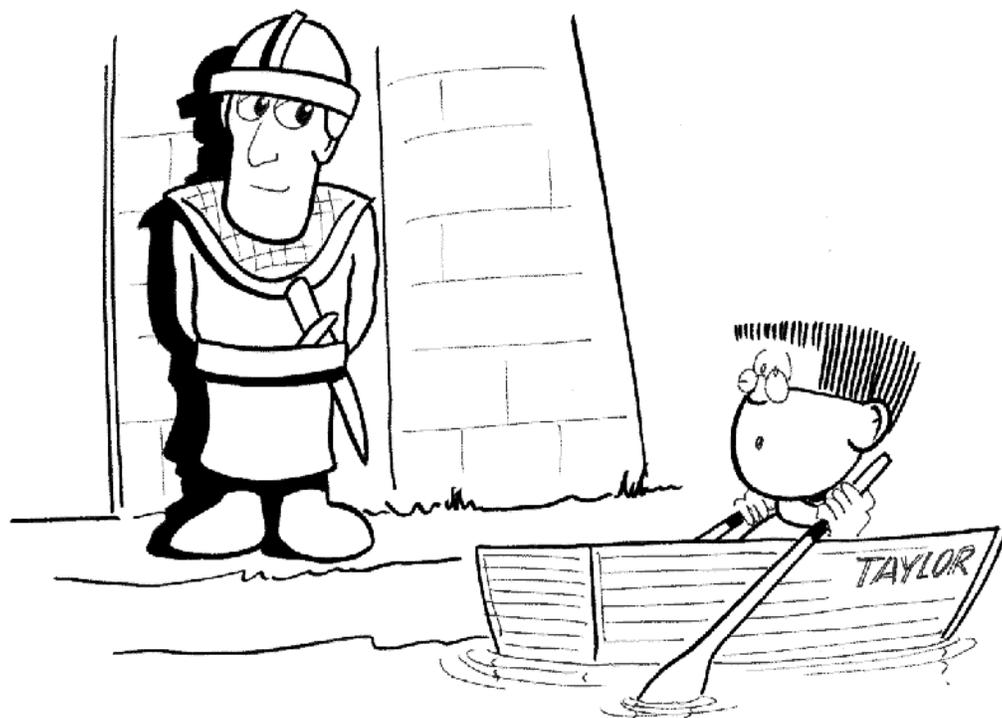
For a long time I rowed as the light seemed to fade.  
The statues seemed to be watching my every move.

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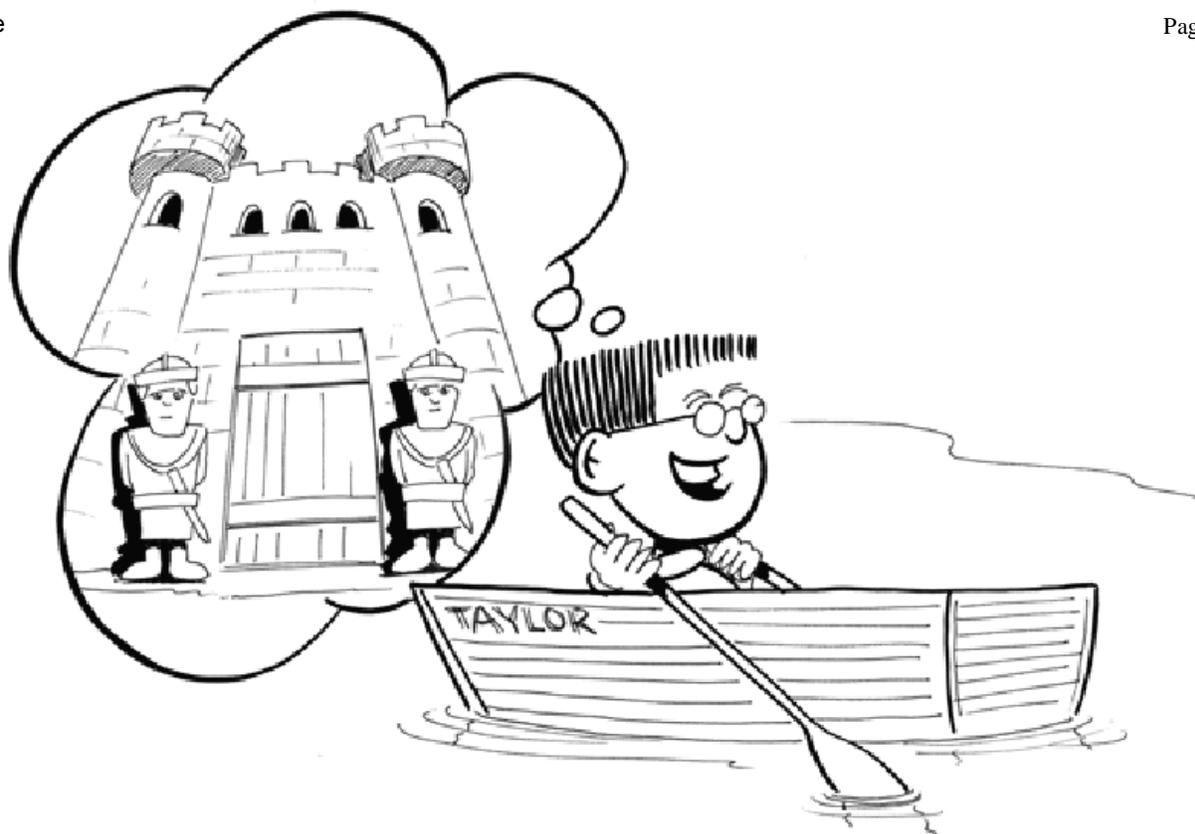
Huge chains held the drawbridge up from the moat.  
I knew there was no way in, so I kept rowing my boat.



The statues stood silent as I turned my boat around.  
And they wondered if their secret had now been found.

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I must go, I thought with a sigh,  
as I imagined the castle in days gone by.

## Extra Words

sound bound found pound  
tough rough enough

**Comprehension**

1. What was the name of the boy's boat?
2. What was on the note?
3. What was the stone statue wearing?
4. What did the boy see above him while rowing?
5. What held the drawbridge up?



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Complete the sentences with these words.

drawbridge, boat, moat, rowing.

Chains held the \_\_\_\_\_ up  
from the \_\_\_\_\_. There was no way  
in, so I kept \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.