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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.

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