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Diphthong Sleuth Search Answer Key

Diphthong words found in the paragraph:

noisy, toy, cow, owl, mouse, cloud, brown, enjoy

Sorted:

- **oi:** noisy
- **oy:** toy, enjoy
- **ou:** mouse, cloud
- **ow:** cow, owl, brown

Teacher's Guide

- This worksheet builds skill in identifying **diphthong spelling patterns** in connected text. Encourage students to read the paragraph aloud to hear each vowel sound clearly.
- For students who need support, preview the four spelling patterns and provide one example of each before reading. Highlighting the vowel teams in a word bank can help early readers.
- Increase engagement by turning the search into a timed detective challenge. Students try to find as many diphthong words as possible before time is up.
- For extension, invite students to write their own short paragraph using at least four diphthong words or to add one more word to each pattern column.