

# The Goat and the Toad

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## Complex Combinations

In this story we explore the words which create the 'oat' Sound, with other spellings for similar sounds.

### Phonic Decoding

The Sound 'oa' - as in the word 'coat'  
The Sound 'oke' - as in the word 'smoke'  
The Sound 'ing' - as in the word 'walking'

## Try These New Words

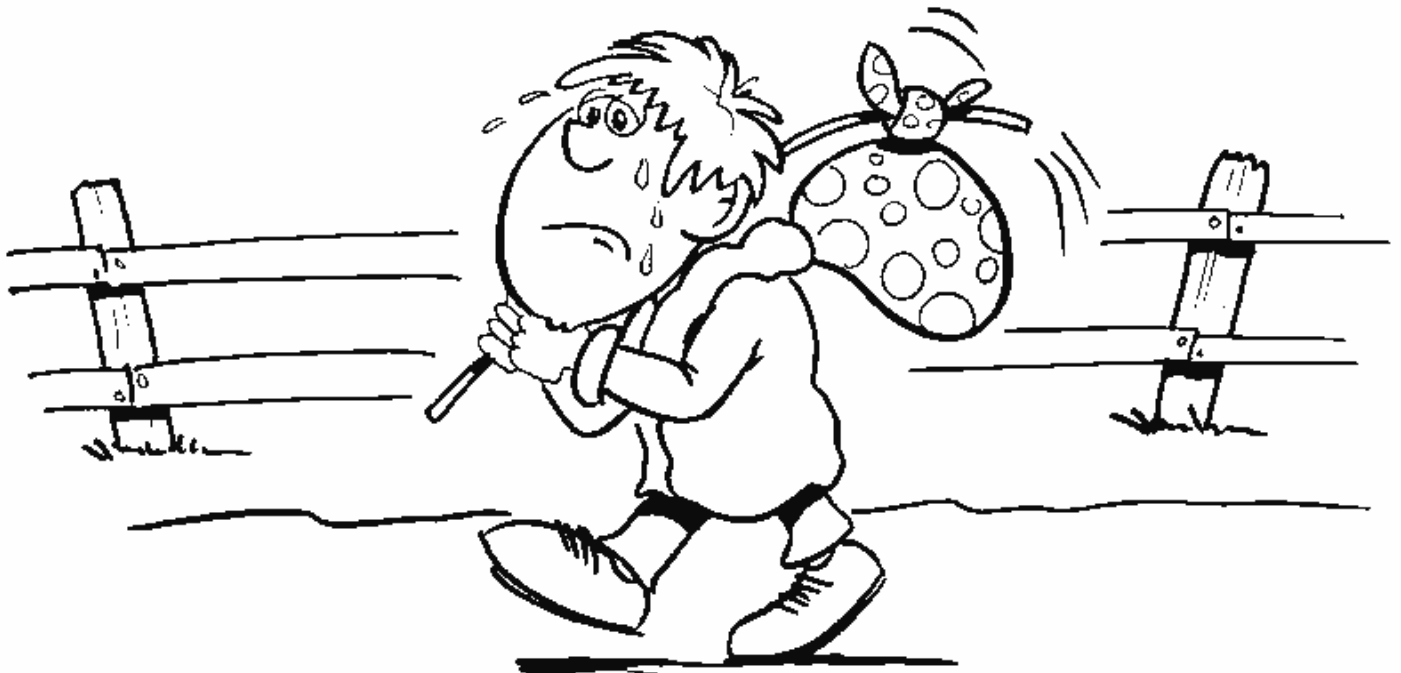
toad goat throat coat note  
smoke wrote spoke things  
walking winding lugging bumped



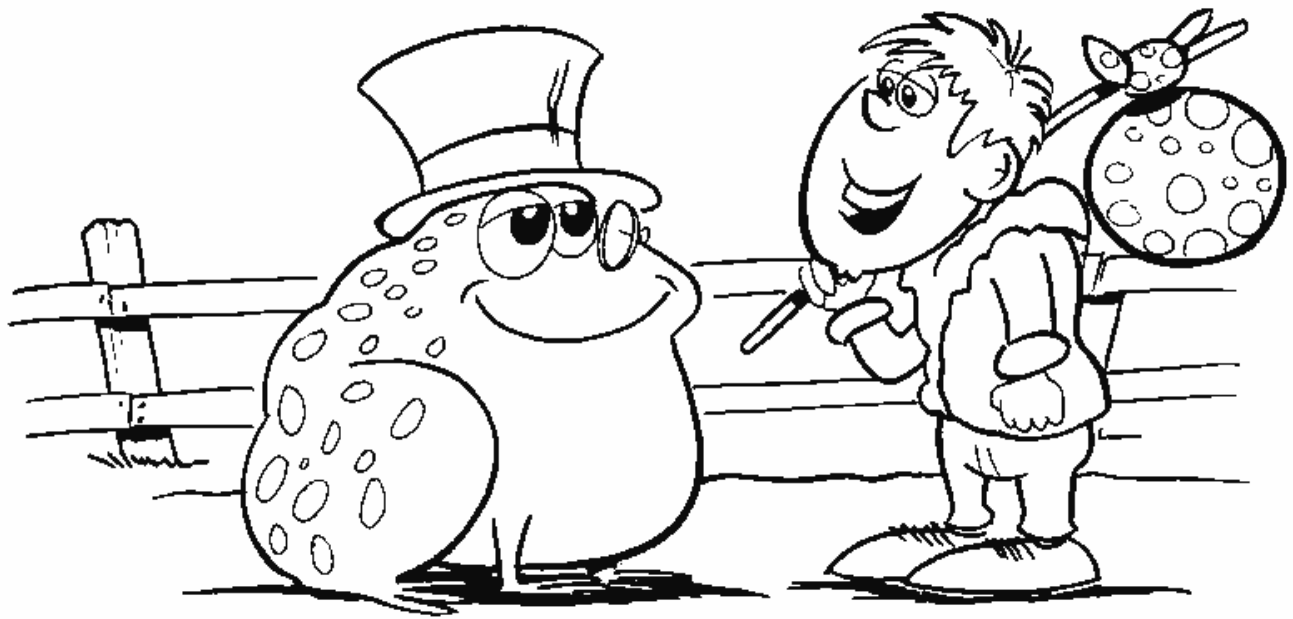
I was walking in winter  
along a long winding road.

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I was lugging my things in my  
bag - such a heavy load.



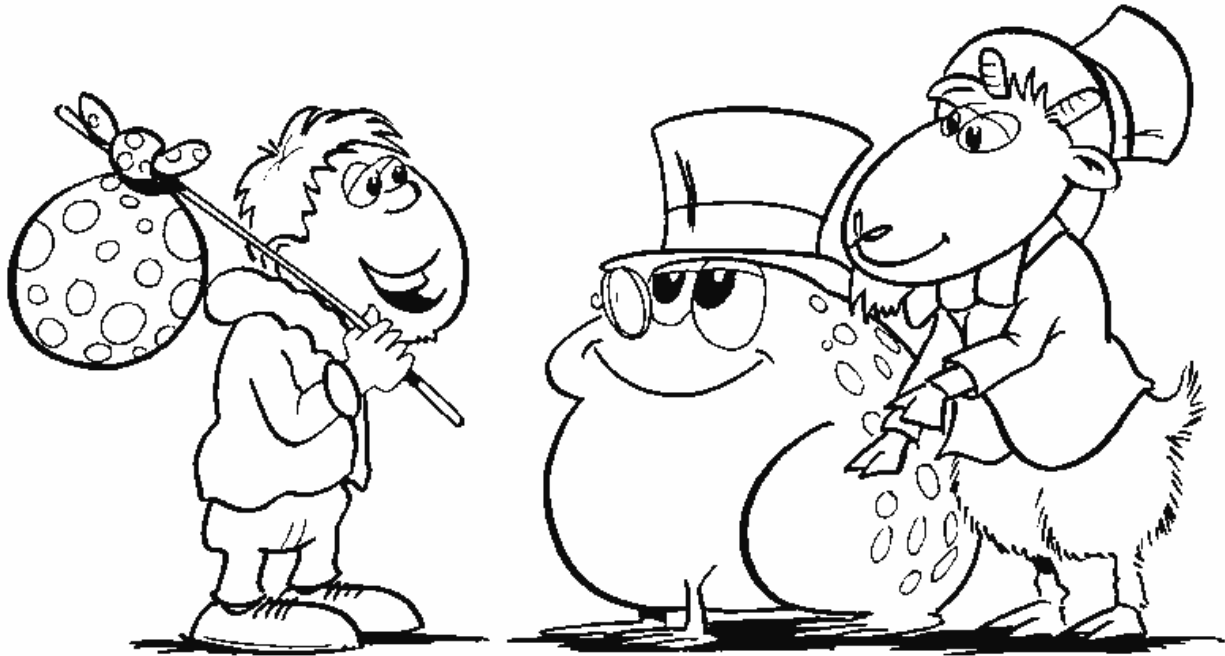
I bumped into a spotted green toad, sitting in the middle of the road.

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He let out a loud croak, from deep down in his throat.



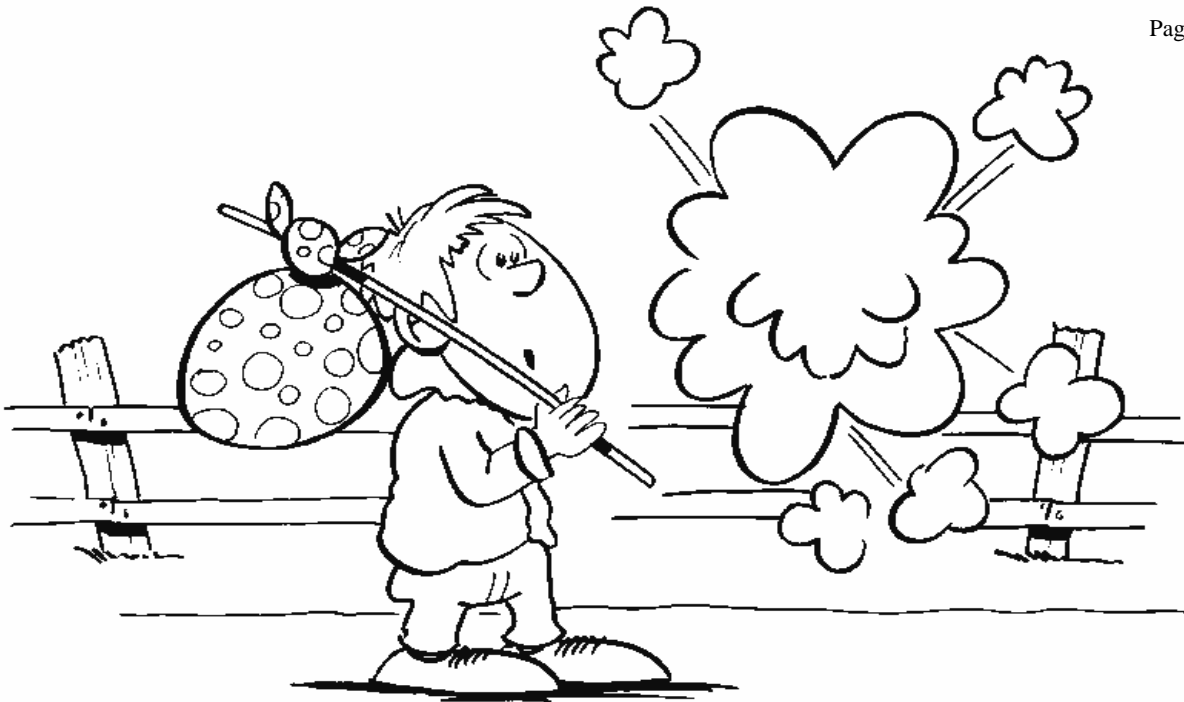
Then along the winding road  
came an old billy goat.

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He wrote me a secret note and  
placed it in my coat.



Then in a puff of smoke,  
before I even spoke ...

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They both turned to stone,  
and left me standing all alone.

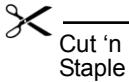
## Extra Words

spring summer autumn winter  
middle fiddle riddle

## Comprehension

1. What season was it?
2. What type of toad was it?
3. What did the goat give the boy?
4. What was written on the note?
5. What did the toad and goat turn into?

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Complete the sentences with these words.

croak, throat, note, coat.

A \_\_\_\_\_ came from deep down  
in his \_\_\_\_\_. He wrote me a  
\_\_\_\_\_ and placed it in my \_\_\_\_\_.