



Daughters and Moms

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Phonics Skill

Vowel sound in ball: augh, ough

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Paula and her mom did not always see eye to eye. They had different ideas about clothes and meals. They fought over bedtimes and baby-sitters. They did not like listening to the same CDs. They seemed to disagree about many things.





Paula bought a yellow and purple shawl. Her mom said Paula did not need it and had to take it back to the mall. Paula thought that wasn't fair at all.

Mom made meat loaf with brown sauce for dinner. Her daughter ate one bite and balked. She thought it was awful and did not want to eat it. Mom told Paula to eat her dinner.





Mom said that Paula's bedtime on weekends was nine. She caught Paula watching TV at ten.

Paula thought she ought to be able to stay at home on her own when Mom went out. But Mom always brought in a baby-sitter. And that's how things went day after day. Paula and Mom almost never talked because they always seemed to disagree.





One day Mom had a cough. It didn't seem like a big deal, but the cough got worse and worse. Finally, Mom sought help from a doctor. He told her that she needed rest and ought to stay in bed resting for two weeks.

Later that day, Mom called to Paula. "We need to talk."






Mom told her daughter that she was sick and needed Paula's help. Now Paula had many jobs. First she brought her mom hot tea and oatmeal in the morning. Then she greeted Miss Fraught, the home helper, and let her into the house. Paula made her bed and washed the dishes before she walked to the bus stop.





 Mom couldn't make lunches, so Paula bought her lunch in the lunchroom every day. She walked Dawg twice a day and fed him. She taught her mom some awful jokes. Mom told her some almost funny stories. They spent a lot of time together. Paula talked and Mom listened. Mom talked and Paula listened.





They even talked about clothes and meals and bedtimes and baby-sitters. By the time Mom was well, Paula and Mom were getting along fine. And they never disagreed again. Well, maybe they still disagreed, but only now and then. Overall, they began to see eye to eye.

