

Spelling focus: words with the short /u/ sound spelt 'ou', or 'o'.

Activity 4— Fill in the missing words!

Fill in the blanks in the passage below. The missing words all have the short /u/ sound, but they might be spelt using: 'u', 'o' or 'ou'.

You can either have a go at working out the missing words and spelling them correctly by yourself, or use the box of missing words and choose which one you need each time. Copy them in carefully!

Remember the spelling tip: if you are not sure how to spell one of the words, try out one of the graphemes and see if it looks right to you. If it doesn't, try out one of the other graphemes.

It was a bright _____ morning and Inayah woke up in a great mood! She had had a really _____ weekend and today was her birthday! June really was her favourite _____ of the year, not just because it was her birthday _____ but also because it was summer! The evenings were long and warm and tonight her big _____ and all her _____ were _____ over for a birthday barbeque!

After school, Inayah was helping her _____ to make a _____ cake for the meal later, when they suddenly _____ that there wasn't _____ flour. Inayah's _____ gave her _____ to pop out to the shop with her big sister to get some more. They also got a box of a _____ eggs just in case, and a _____ of lemons to put in the drinks.

Later on at the barbeque, Inayah gazed ____ at the evening ____ setting _____ her. She thought about what a _____ birthday she'd had. Just then, Inayah's mother came outside holding her birthday _____ cake. Everybody sang 'Happy Birthday' and when they tasted the cake, they all agreed how _____ it was!

Support: missing words!

lovely enough honey sun coming dozen sunny
wonderful month money up mother Monday fun
month brother honey some cousins mother
couple discovered above

ANSWERS

It was a bright **sunny Monday** morning and Inayah woke up in a great mood! She had had a really **fun** weekend and today was her birthday! June really was her favourite **month** of the year, not just because it was her birthday **month** but also because it was summer! The evenings were long and warm and tonight her big **brother** and all her **cousins** were **coming** over for a birthday barbeque!

After school, Inayah was helping her **mother** to make a **honey** cake for the meal later, when they suddenly **discovered** that there wasn't **enough** flour. Inayah's **mother** gave her **some money** to pop out to the shop with her big sister to get some more. They also got a box of a **dozen** eggs just in case, and a **couple** of lemons to put in the drinks.

Later on at the barbeque, Inayah gazed **up** at the evening **sun** setting **above** her. She thought about what a **wonderful** birthday she'd had. Just then, Inayah's mother came outside holding her birthday **honey** cake. Everybody sang 'Happy Birthday' and when they tasted the cake, they all agreed how **lovely** it was!