

# Support for English Learners

## Unit 4, page 36: Vowel Sounds: /ōō/, /yōō/

Some students may have difficulty distinguishing between the /ōō/ and /yōō/ vowel sounds.

### Listen

Tell students that the Basic Word *choose* has the vowel sound /ōō/. Say /ōō/, elongate the sound separately and as part of the word *choose*, then say *choose*.

Now tell students that the Basic word *confuse* has the vowel sound /yōō/. Say /yōō/, elongate the sound separately and as part of the word *confuse*, then say *confuse*.

### Speak and Read

Say: *Let's practice saying the /ōō/ sound in the Basic Word choose.* Say /ōō/, elongate the sound separately and as part of the word *choose*, then say *choose*. Have students repeat after you. Continue with the /yōō/ sound in *confuse*.

Write the Basic Words *choose*, *confuse*, *glue*, *flute*, *stew*, *route*, and *bruise* on the board. Have volunteers circle the spellings for the /ōō/ or /yōō/ sound. Have volunteers read the words aloud.

### Spell

**Beginning/Preproduction** Read aloud the Basic Words *glue*, *confuse*, *loose*, *youth*, *view*, *cruise*, and *accuse*, emphasizing the /ōō/ or /yōō/ sound. Have students stamp their feet once when they hear the /ōō/ sound and twice when they hear the /yōō/ sound.

**Early Production/Speech Emergent** Create and distribute word cards for the Basic Words *glue*, *confuse*, *loose*, *youth*, *view*, *cruise*, and *accuse*. On the board, write a simple sentence for each word. As you read each sentence, cover up the Basic Word, pausing when you get to it. Have students hold up the appropriate word card and read the word aloud, elongating the /ōō/ or /yōō/ sound in each word.

**Intermediate/Advanced** Read aloud the Basic Words *glue*, *confuse*, *loose*, *youth*, *view*, *cruise*, and *accuse*. Have students write each Basic Word in a simple sentence in their word-study notebooks. Ask volunteers to write their sentences on the board and to underline each Basic Word. Have them take turns reading their sentences aloud, pointing out the spelling for the /ōō/ or /yōō/ sound.

