

The Ball

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Decodable
Practice
Reader

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Vowel Sound in ball: aw, au

August Paul saw
jaw because

Syllable Patterns: Vowel Digraphs and Diphthongs

oatmeal soybean boyhood
football outfield

High-Frequency Words

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carry you said to
answered have one

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It was a windy August day.
It felt like fall, not summer.
Kids, moms, and dads still
played baseball.



The field was in an old park.
An oatmeal factory was
on one side.
An old soybean oil factory was
next to it.



Early in the game, Paul's dad came to bat.

Dad was big.

In his boyhood, Dad was a football player.



Paul yelled, "This wind will carry a ball far.
If you hit the ball hard, it will fly over the outfield fence, Dad."



Dad looked at the fence.
Behind it, Dad saw the river.
Dad said, "I will not try to hit the
ball that far, Paul."



Paul asked, "Why not?"
"The ball might fall in the river,"
answered Dad.
"Yes, and be a home run!"
said Paul.



"But this game will end,"
explained Dad.

"Why?" asked Paul.

Dad grinned, rubbed his
jaw, and said, "Because we
have just one ball."