Spelling list: ought and aught words

In many words, the letter combinations ought and aught represent the same /ort/sound.

This list includes words like *bought*, *thought*, and *naughty*, all of which feature either the *ought* or the *aught* spelling. By learning this pattern, you'll be able to spell these words correctly and use them confidently in your writing. Try a *Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check* activity to improve your spelling of these tricky yet common words!

bought He **bought** me a huge bunch of flowers.

brought The lost child was **brought** back home.

thought I rethought the idea and changed my mind.

sought They **sought** the escaped prisoner.

nought **Nought** means nothing.

caught The thief was **caught** in the act.

fraught There was a **fraught** silence.

distraught She was **distraught** at the thought of her kitten lost in the cold.

naughty The **naughty** child needed supervision.

haughty His manner was **haughty** and rude.

daughter My brother's **daughter** is my niece.

slaughter The lambs were taken to **slaughter**.