

New sound: oi

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Lesson 82 of 92 (ages 3-6) / 76 of 86 (age 7+) · Vowel Teams & Tricky Words · Ages 3-7+ · about 10 min

GOAL

Your child can say /oi/ when they see "oi", and hear it in words like coin.

WHY IT MATTERS

"oi" is 2 letters that make ONE sound. Seeing them as one unit stops your child reading the letters separately, and unlocks words like coin, oil, join.

YOU'LL NEED

- The practice sheet for this lesson (worksheet.pdf) and a pencil or crayon.
- The lesson page on a phone or tablet, for the sounds and games.

LESSON FLOW about 10 minutes

1 min

Warm up

Quick flash of the last sounds: write "ow", "ur", "or" on paper, point, and your child says each sound.

SAY

"What sound is this? And this one?"

2 min

Listen

Play /oi/ on the lesson page three times. Your child watches your mouth and copies.

SAY

"This is /oi/. Watch my mouth: start round, open to 'ee'."

2 min

Show how

Show the letters "oi" and the action: Cup hands around mouth saying oi! Oi! Oi!. Then tap the words on the lesson page.

SAY

"When I see oi, I say /oi/. coin: /oi/ coin!"
"Two letters, one sound. They're best friends: they always stick together."

2 min

Do it together

Sound hunt: find 3 things at home with /oi/. Then do the trace-and-write part of the practice sheet. Read together: coin, oil, join, boil, soil, point.

2 min

Play

Play the games on the lesson page: hear /oi/ and tap its letters.

1 min

Wrap up

Ask your child to teach the sound and action to someone else in the family.

SAY

"Can you show Grandma our new sound?"

USE WITH THIS LESSON

- **This lesson online (listening + games)**
phonicsacademy.com/plan/session/sound-oi
- **Printable: Diphthongs Worksheet — oi/oy (Free PDF)**
phonicsacademy.com/printables/diphthongs-worksheet-oi-oy
- **Read: Vowel Teams List (Free PDF): ai, ay, ea, ee, oa, oo**
phonicsacademy.com/blog/vowel-teams-list
- **The "oi" sound — full page**
phonicsacademy.com/phonemes/oi
- **Printable: Vowel Sounds Chart (Free PDF)**
phonicsacademy.com/printables/abc-phonics-vowel-sounds-chart
- **Read: 20 Vowel Sounds Chart (Free PDF) with Examples**
phonicsacademy.com/blog/vowel-sounds-chart

HEAR IT, FIND IT

Say the sound (not the letter name). Your child points to the letters. Tick first-try answers.

#	SAY / SHOW	CHOICES	ANSWER	
1	Say /oi/	oi, ow, ur	oi	☐
2	Say /ow/	ow, oi, ur	ow	☐
3	Say /ur/	ur, oi, ow	ur	☐

WATCH FOR common mix-ups and what to do

Says the sound too quickly to hear.	-> /oi/ can be stretched: hold it like a long note, oioioioi, then let go.
Reads the letters one by one (o-i).	-> Put one finger under both letters at once: "these two make one sound".
Forgets the sound the next day.	-> Normal! Repeat the action and the keyword daily for a week: the action is the memory hook.

TOO HARD? MAKE IT EASIER

Only do the listening parts today: hear it, say it, find it in pictures. Save the writing for tomorrow.

TOO EASY? MAKE IT HARDER

Read these words and then write two of them from memory: coin, oil, join, boil, soil, point.

HOW DID IT GO?

MY CHILD CAN...

- ☐ Says /oi/ when shown "oi".
- ☐ Hears /oi/ in a word you say (coin).
- ☐ Writes "oi" as one sound unit.

Date: _____

Colour in the stars:



Notes: _____