OU & OW Diphthongs — Write & Read

Practice pages for the gliding vowel sound in cloud and cow: ou in the middle of a word, ow at the end.

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How to use this worksheet

1. Some words are split into two red chunks (like c - oin) — say each chunk out loud, then blend them together, feeling your mouth glide on the diphthong.
2. Notice the two-letter pattern making the glide (oi, oy, ou, or ow).
3. Write the complete blended word on the blank line.
4. Check your spelling against the printed word once you're done.

Example — this is what a correct answer looks like:

bounce bounce

Tip

oi and ou show up in the middle of a word; oy and ow show up at the end — that position rule solves most spelling mix-ups. See the diphthongs-list blog post for the full explanation.

OU words — middle of the word

ou also spells other sounds in words like you and soup — those are separate patterns.

bounce		n-oun	
cl-oud		our	
c-ount		out	
c-ouch		ouch	
d-oubt		p-ound	
fl-our		r-ound	
f-ound		sc-out	
f-oul		sh-out	
ground		sn-out	
h-ouse		s-ound	
l-oud		s-outh	
m-ount		sprout	
m-ound		st-out	
m-ouse		tr-out	
m-outh		voucher	

OW words — end of a word (or before -n, -l)

ow also spells the long O sound in snow, blow, flow — a common mix-up. Try both readings when unsure.

br-own _____

br-ow _____

cl-own _____

c-ow _____

cr-owd _____

cr-own _____

d-own _____

dr-own _____

f-owl _____

g-own _____

gr-owl _____

h-owl _____

j-owl _____

n-ow _____

owl _____

pl-ow _____

pr-owl _____

sc-owl _____

t-own _____

t-owel _____

v-ow _____

w-ow _____