

New sound: aw

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Lesson 83 of 92 (ages 3-6) / 77 of 86 (age 7+) · Vowel Teams & Tricky Words · Ages 3-7+ · about 10 min

GOAL

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

WHY IT MATTERS

"aw" is 2 letters that make ONE sound. Seeing them as one unit stops your child reading the letters separately, and unlocks words like saw, paw, law.

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 "oi", "ow", "ur" on paper, point, and your child says each sound.

SAY | *"What sound is this? And this one?"*

2 min

Listen

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

SAY | *"This is /aw/. Watch my mouth: drop your jaw, lips slightly rounded — many American speakers say it like 'ah'."*

2 min

Show how

Show the letters "aw" and the action: Pretend to yawn and say aw-aw-aw. Then tap the words on the lesson page.

SAY | *"When I see aw, I say /aw/. paw: /aw/ paw!"*
"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 /aw/. Then do the trace-and-write part of the practice sheet. Read together: saw, paw, law, raw, jaw, claw.

2 min

Play

Play the games on the lesson page: hear /aw/ and tap its letters, then find where the sound is in a word.

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)**
phonicademy.com/plan/session/sound-aw
- **Printable: Vowel Sounds Chart (Free PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/abc-phonics-vowel-sounds-chart
- **Read: 20 Vowel Sounds Chart (Free PDF) with Examples**
phonicademy.com/blog/vowel-sounds-chart
- **The “aw” sound — full page**
phonicademy.com/phonemes/aw
- **Read: Vowel Teams List (Free PDF): ai, ay, ea, ee, oa, oo**
phonicademy.com/blog/vowel-teams-list
- **Printable: Vowel Team Flashcards: ai, ee, oa, oo and more (PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/flashcards-vowel-teams

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 /aw/	aw, o, oi	aw	☐
2	Say /oi/	oi, aw, ow	oi	☐
3	Say /ow/	ow, aw, oi	ow	☐

WATCH FOR common mix-ups and what to do

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| Says the sound too quickly to hear. | -> /aw/ can be stretched: hold it like a long note, awawawaw, then let go. |
| Reads the letters one by one (a-w). | -> Put one finger under both letters at once: "these two make one sound". |
| Mixes up /aw/ and /ol/. | -> Different mouth shapes — "o" is a big open "ah" with no lip rounding; "oa" rounds the lips and glides to "oo". |

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: saw, paw, law, raw, jaw, claw.

HOW DID IT GO?

MY CHILD CAN...

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

Date: _____

Colour in the stars:



Notes: _____