

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 _____

cl-oud _____

c-ount _____

c-ouch _____

d-oubt _____

fl-our _____

f-ound _____

f-oul _____

ground _____

h-ouse _____

l-oud _____

m-ount _____

m-ound _____

m-ouse _____

m-outh _____

n-oun _____

our _____

out _____

ouch _____

p-ound _____

r-ound _____

sc-out _____

sh-out _____

sn-out _____

s-ound _____

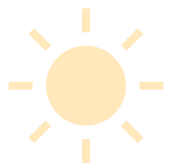
s-outh _____

sprout _____

st-out _____

tr-out _____

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.

b-ow _____

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 _____

r-ow _____

sc-owl _____

s-ow _____

t-own _____

t-owel _____

v-ow _____

w-ow _____

