

Lesson 17 [ɔɪ] as in *oil*, *noise*, and *boy*

PRONOUNCING [ɔɪ]



Lips: Glide from a tense oval shape to a relaxed, slightly parted position

Jaw: Rises with the tongue and closes

Tongue: Glides from a low position to a high position near the roof of the mouth

[ɔɪ] is a diphthong. A diphthong is a compound vowel sound made by blending two vowels together very quickly. The diphthong [ɔɪ] begins with [ɔ] and ends with [ɪ].

Possible Pronunciation Problems

You shouldn't have many problems with the diphthong [ɔɪ]. English words with this diphthong are spelled *oy* or *oi*. There are virtually no exceptions to this rule!

You'll enjoy pronouncing [ɔɪ]!