

A diphthong occurs when two vowels are blended into a single syllable, making the vowel sound change.

The diphthong /oi/ is spelled *oy* and *oi*, as in *boy* and *oil*. The diphthong /ou/ is spelled *ou* and *ow*, as in *ground* and *now*.

DECODING WORDS

Some vowel teams, like *oy* and *ow*, have a consonant that acts as a vowel. These vowel teams must stay in the same syllable. For example: *boy-cott*.

Read aloud and write the spelling words with the matching spelling patterns.

pound

cowboy

noises

wound

rejoice

grouch

voyage

hound

voices

tower

frown

annoy

howling

thousand

flower

mound

south

destroy

gown

pouch

ou

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

oy

9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

ow

12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____

oi

17. _____
18. _____
19. _____

ow and oy

20. _____

Remember

A diphthong occurs when two vowels are blended into a single syllable. If a vowel sound changes in a single syllable, it is a diphthong.

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A. Circle the word that rhymes with the word in bold type. Read aloud and write the word.

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| 1. shower | shoulder | tower | toiled |
| 2. choices | cases | voices | vices |
| 3. couch | grouch | rich | cake |
| 4. sound | sour | pound | proud |
| 5. town | gown | grow | tow |
| 6. enjoy | away | joyful | destroy |
| 7. found | fried | food | mound |
| 8. ouch | pooch | pouch | lunch |
| 9. clown | clue | own | frown |
| 10. mouth | south | youth | mount |
| 11. sound | hound | should | hood |
| 12. ground | gold | bind | wound |
| 13. employ | annoy | before | empty |
| 14. scowling | bowling | howling | going |
| 15. hour | flower | fire | tour |

B. Write these spelling words in reverse alphabetical order:

thousand, noises, voyage, rejoice, cowboy.

16. _____ 18. _____ 20. _____
17. _____ 19. _____