

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. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

ow

12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
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.

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*.

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

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	_____

Copyright © McGraw-Hill. Permission is granted to reproduce for classroom use.

**B. Write these spelling words in reverse alphabetical order:
*thousand, noises, voyage, rejoice, cowboy.***

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