

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

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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

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oy

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oi

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ow and oy

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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. _____