

Welcome!

Voice and Accent Trainer Certification

Diphthongs

/əʊ/ /aʊ/

Practice Activities:

Practicing the correct various diphthong sounds

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Let's Practice

PRONOUNCING [ou]



Lips: Tense and very rounded

Jaw: Rises with the tongue and closes slightly

Tongue: Glides from midlevel to near the roof of the mouth

oat odor boat roam spoke both over ocean old go sew snow no
ago hello so show though toe loan soul coast known don't
nose oval own only open oak

[əʊ] At the
Beginning of Words



[əʊ] In the
Middle of Words



[əʊ] At the
End of Words



Read the names of the following household items. Circle the items pronounced with the diphthong [ou].

1. Toaster frying pan bookcase freezer
2. clock telephone faucet radio
3. stove sofa lawn mower table
4. doorknob window television coatrack
5. can opener mixing bowl clothes dryer iron

Identify the /əʊ/ sound in the following sentences

- a) Go ahead and finish your homework before dinner.
- b) I didn't know you were coming to the party.
- c) The magician will show us another trick.
- d) Please throw the ball to me.
- e) The wind began to blow strongly through the trees.
- f) The ground was covered in white, sparkling snow.
- g) I stubbed my toe on the table leg this morning.
- h) The river continued to flow steadily downstream.

Put one of the letters **y, i, u** or **w** in each gap to make a word. The word must contain the sound /ɔɪ/ or /aʊ/. Write /ɔɪ/ or /aʊ/ after each word.

EXAMPLE to_n **to**wn /aʊ/.

- 1 bo_su.....
- 2 no_yuse
- 3 fo_iund
- 4 po_nut
- 5 ho_.....
- 6 bo_l.....
- 7 ho_r.....
- 8 flo_er
- 9 enjo_.....



Let's Practice

PRONOUNCING [aʊ]



Lips: Glide from an open position

Jaw: Rises with the tongue and closes

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

Listen and repeat.

Find words from it which have an /ɔɪ/ or /aʊ/ sound and write them in the correct part of the table.

I enjoy living down town. Well, it's very noisy, of course. The traffic is loud, and the young people often shout when they come out of the clubs. But there are lots of good points too. There's a big choice of shops, and it's easy to get around.

/ɔɪ/ (___ words)

enjoy, noisy,
point, choice

/aʊ/ (___ words)

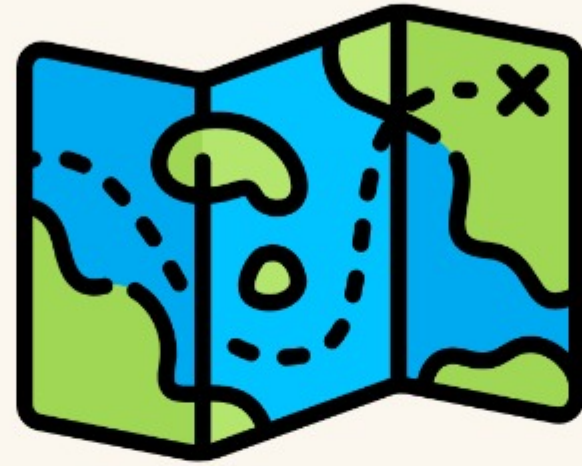
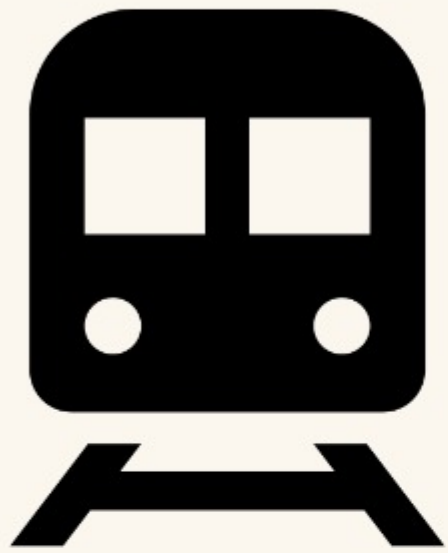
down, town, loud,
shout, around,
out



Find a way from Start to Finish. You may pass a square only if the word in it has the sound /au/. You can move horizontally (→) or vertically only.

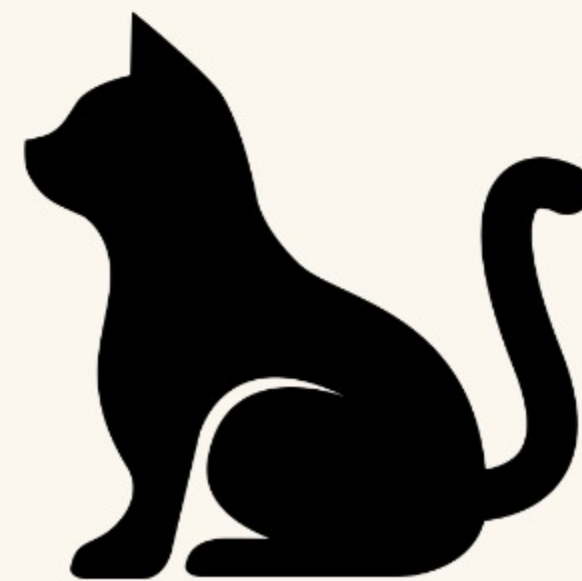
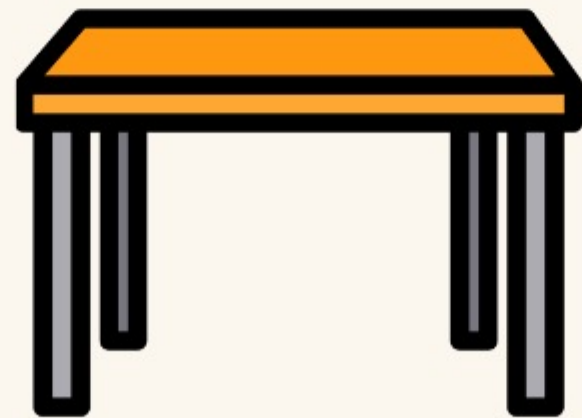
START ▼					
house	sound	group	about	mouth	cow
soup	out	brown	mouse	bought	south
could	couple	grow	low	would	cloud
know	snow	touch	ought	down	count
thought	should	slow	blow	pound	young
soul	country	though	throw	town	round ▼
					FINISH

Write words for the things in the picture in the correct part of the table.



/ei/

/æ/



Read the following dialogue. Circle the words that contain the diphthong [au].

Mr. Brown: You look of sorts. How come?

Mrs. Brown: I'm tired out. Didn't you hear the loud noise outside all night?

Mr. Brown: I didn't hear a sound. I was out like a light!

Mrs. Brown: Our neighbors had a big crowd; they were shouting and howling!

Mr. Brown: Why didn't you tell them to stop clowning around?

Mrs. Brown: I didn't want to sound like a grouch.

Mr. Brown: Next time I'll go out. I'm not afraid to open my mouth.

Mrs. Brown: I knew I could count on you. Here comes our noisy neighbour, Mr. Crowley, right now.

Mr. Brown: Sorry, dear, I have to go downtown, NOW!

Mrs. Brown: Come back, you coward!

My take-away (exit ticket)

I hope this chapter on stress didn't cause you any stress! You did a beautiful job! It's time to take a break and RELAX for a while. When you're well rested, move on to the next lesson. You'll soon get the RHYTHM! 😊

1. I learned
2. When I get back to work I am going to
.....
3. I would like to know more about
.....
4. I am going to find out this by
.....

Listen and repeat. Feel your mouth open wider as you progress through the pronunciation of [ei], [e], [æ], and [ɒ].

[ei]

1. aid
2. rake
3. paid
4. Nate
5. pained

[e]

1. Ed
2. wreck
3. ped
4. net
5. penned

[æ]

1. add
2. rack
3. pad
4. gnat
5. panned

[ɒ]

1. odd
2. rock
3. pond
4. not
5. pod