

Old town

/əʊ/ and /aʊ/

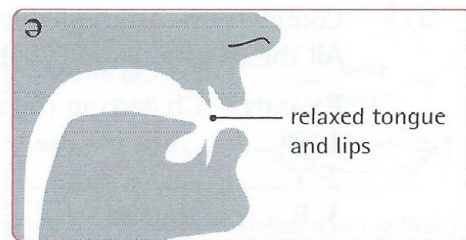
A

How to make the sound /əʊ/

- A63a • /əʊ/ is a long sound. It moves from /ə/ to /ʊ/. Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. Target sound: /əʊ/



Note: When you say the sound /əʊ/ by itself, you say the letter O.



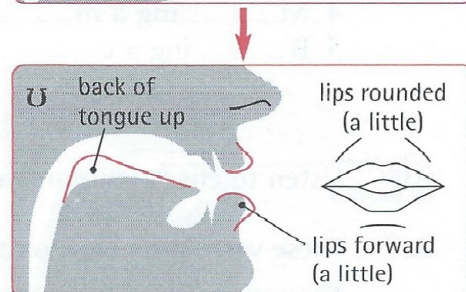
B

Sound and spelling

- A63b • /əʊ/ is spelled in different ways. Listen and repeat.
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|----|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| o | no | cold | post | close | drove | home | phone |
| ow | know | low | show | slow | | | |
| oa | boat | | | | | | |
| oe | toe | | | | | | |

- A63c • Listen and say these sentences.

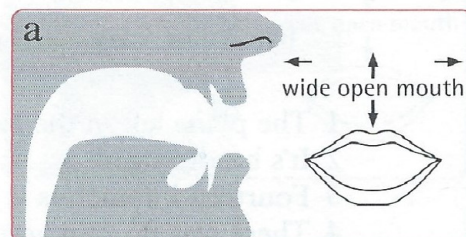
- 1 I don't know.
- 2 My toes are cold.
- 3 She phoned me in October.
- 4 They showed us their home.



C

How to make the sound /aʊ/

- A64a • /aʊ/ is a long sound. It moves from /a/ to /ʊ/. Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. Target sound: /aʊ/



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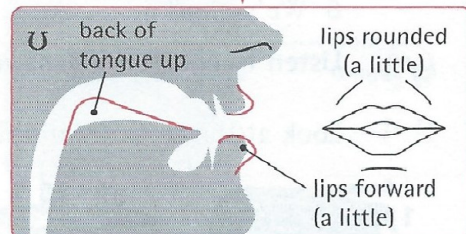
Sound and spelling

- A64b • /aʊ/ is usually spelled **ow** or **ou**. Listen and repeat.

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|----|------|-------|-------|
| ow | how | now | vowel |
| ou | loud | mouth | sound |

- A64c • Listen and say these phrases.

- 1 a thousand pounds
- 2 loud vowel sounds
- 3 round the house
- 4 Countdown – three, two, one, now!



Exercises

10.1 Circle the word with a different vowel sound.

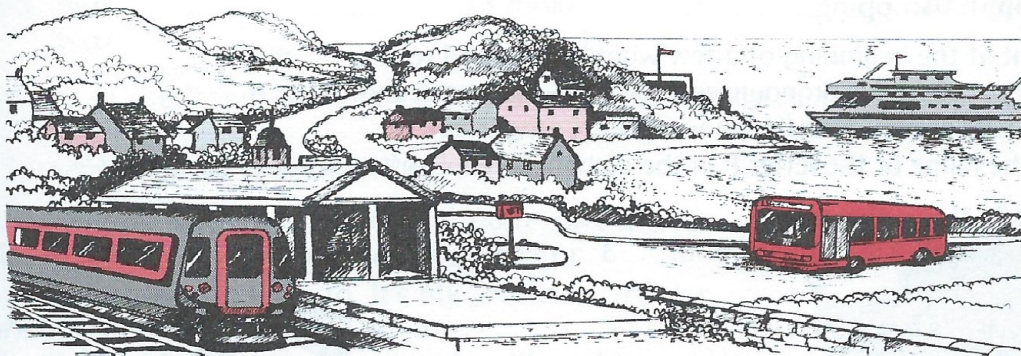
EXAMPLE

houses	<u>soup</u>	about	mountains
1 stone	gone	closed	coast
2 brown	flower	snow	town
3 old	over	lost	no
4 coach	boat	some	road

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Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

10.2 Complete the text with some of the words from Exercise 10.1. All the missing words have /əʊ/ or /aʊ/.



It's an old town on the coast. The houses are built with stone. You can get there by train, coach or boat. In winter there's a lot of snow and sometimes the road is lost.

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Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

10.3 Listen and repeat these poems.

A67a

A pound

I found a pound
down on the ground
and said, 'It's mine, I've got it.'
I looked around
and heard no sound
and put it in my pocket.

A67b

A letter

A letter came
in the post
from the coast
– the one that I wanted the most.
It said, 'Don't be slow,
walk through the snow
and phone me when you are close.'



10.4 Listen and circle the word you hear. Check with the Key. If any of these are difficult for you, go to Section E3 *Sound pairs* for further practice.

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- 1 *coast / cost* (⇒ sound pair 11)
- 2 *boat / boot* (⇒ sound pair 6)
- 3 *woke / walk* (⇒ sound pair 12)