

Lesson 20: COY COW The diphthong sounds /ɔɪ/ and /aʊ/

A) The diphthong sound /ɔɪ/

For this sound, the front of the tongue starts down and moves up, the lips are rounded, the lips start to move forward and move back, the lips are wider and the jaw starts down and moves up.

Examples: noise, toy, annoyed, point, join

Boys like noisy toys.

B) The diphthong sound /aʊ/

For this sound, the back of the tongue starts down and moves up, the lips are forward and rounded, the jaw starts down and moves up.

Examples: out, count, about, house, ground

Mr. Brown counted cows down the mountain.

There is a triphthong: /aʊə/: tower, power, our, sour, flower

Exercise 1: Put a Y, I, U or W to make a word with the sound /ɔɪ/ or /aʊ/

- 1) TOWN
- 2) BOYS
- 3) HOUR
- 4) FOUND
- 5) BOIL
- 6) ENJOY

Exercise 2: Link all the words with the sound /aʊ/

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

Exercise 3: Dictation: Write the missing words

- a) The boys are very noisy after school.
- b) You don't employ a cook to boil eggs!
- c) I enjoy hearing her lovely singing voice.

Exercise 4: Dictation: Write in the missing words

- a) The computer costs a thousand pounds without tax.
- b) I'm going down to buy it now.
- c) It's a two hour trip.
- d) I'll have a shower first.