

Dear Parent,

Your child is learning how vowels, (a, e, i, o, u) can make different sounds. For example ‘ou’ can make a short ‘ow’ sound (flour/flower). It can also make a short ‘u’ sound (tough/tuff) or an ‘or’ sound (fought/fort). These words contain different ‘ou’ sounds and follow the spelling rules given below. Please help by practicing these words with your child.

- Point out the ‘ou’ sounds in each group of words. Try to think of other words that follow the same pattern.
- Discuss the meaning of the words and try to think of a sentence containing the word.

Thank you for your help.

Rule	<i>‘ou’ can make a sound like short ‘ow’ sound. These are very common.</i>			
ou (ow) <i>(list 3:1)</i>	Practice 1 <i>(copy into space)</i>	Practice 2 <i>(copy again)</i>	Practice 3 <i>(fold and hide)</i>	Can spell word <i>(check and correct)</i>
shout				
about				
sound				
ground				
cloud				

Rule	<i>‘ou’ can make a short ‘u’ sound</i>			
ou (u) <i>(list 3:2)</i>	Practice 1 <i>(copy into space)</i>	Practice 2 <i>(copy again)</i>	Practice 3 <i>(fold and hide)</i>	Can spell word <i>(check and correct)</i>
double				
trouble				
couple				
tough				
enough				

Rule	<i>‘ou’ can make an ‘or’ sound. These are usually followed by ‘ght’</i>			
ou (or) <i>(list 3:3)</i>	Practice 1 <i>(copy into space)</i>	Practice 2 <i>(copy again)</i>	Practice 3 <i>(fold and hide)</i>	Can spell word <i>(check and correct)</i>
nought				
bought				
fought				
brought				
thought				