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/əʊ/ as in cow

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Test Yourself
What do you already know about spelling words with the /ɑʊ/ sound? Do this self-check.

A. Hear the Sound. Which picture in each pair has the keyword sound /ɑʊ/. Circle it. (3pts.)
Ask a native speaker to read the word pairs or use dictionary.com with audio for word items.

bow  bow  ow!  eye  mouth  moth

Other minimal-pair words are:

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B. Identify the Sound. Circle only the words with the keyword sound /ɑʊ/. (7 pts.)

window  hour  crowd  blow  dough  bureau

bowling  through  elbow  pillow  down  dawn

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cough  soup  country  thought  mouse  towel

C. Complete the Word. Add the correct spelling for the keyword sound /au/. (5 pts.)

1. The Eiffel t____er is a well-known landmark in Paris.
2. About twenty-five th____sand people visit every day.
3. They climb up and d____n its stairways.
4. They take pictures of the views all ar____nd.
5. They hang __t in its restaurants, gift shops and gardens.

D. Find and Correct. Mark ✔ if all the words in the sentence are correct. Mark ✗ if one is incorrect and write the correct spelling on the blank. (5 pts.)

1. _________ It is an impressive structure; however, there is much more to it.
2. _________ Radio and TV signals are sent out from its antenna on top.
3. _________ Under the south leg, an underground radio center is located.
4. _________ On the first and second levels, restaurants can be fownd.
5. _________ On the top level, Mr. Eiffel’s secret apartment is housed.

Score ___/30 A score of 90% (27/30) or better is good, less than 90% needs work.

Use the Word List at the end of this lesson to mark or collect difficult-to-spell words.
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Common spellings:

13.1 **OW**

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ow occurs mostly at the end of a word.

ow may occur mid-word at the end of a stressed syllable

ow may also occur in an unstressed syllable in a compound word.

Also see o in show /ʊ/ home (7.4); and knowledge /ʊ/ hot (8.6).

13.2 **OU**

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ou occurs between consonants in a stressed syllable.

ou commonly occurs before nd at the end of a syllable.

Also see ou in though /ʊ/ home (7.6), ought with /ɔ/ as in hotdog (8.5), you /ʊ/ blue (9.6), young /ʌ/ sun (10.3), should /ʊ/ book (11.3), and plough /ɑʊ/ cow (13.2).

13.3 **AU**

| lu·au | Mau·i | tau |

au /ɑʊ/ occurs at the end of a stressed or unstressed syllable in words of foreign origin (e.g., Chinese, Hawaiian).

Also see au in laugh, aunt /æ/ cat (2.2); in cause /ɔ/ hotdog (8.3).
A. Spell the Noun. Fill in the spelling ow or ou for the sound /ao/.

1. cl___n
2. sp__se
3. fl____ers
4. m____ntain
5. cr____n
6. s___th
7. t___el
8. bl____se
9. fl____r
10. tr____sers
11. f____ntain
12. ___l
13. br____n
14. gr____nd
15. c____boy
16. th____sand
17. v____els
18. eyebr____
19. c____ch
20. g____n
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Adjectives:

21. r____dy
22. pr____d
23. cl____dy
24. l____d

Adverbs

25. kick ____t
26. go d____n
27. go n____!
28. go ar____nd

Verbs

29. pron____ce
30. gr__l
31. al-l____ed
32. dr____n
33. spr____t
34. sh____er
35. b____nce
36. c____nt
37. sh____t
38. p____t
39. fr____n
40. d____bt
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B. Complete the Word. Add the correct spelling for the sound /ao/.

1. s___r 2. am___nt 3. t___n 4. h___r
5. l___nge 6. pron____nce 7. p____er 8. all____nce
9. disc____nt 10. ann____nce 11. cr____d 12. p____der
13. d____npour 14. h____se 15. p____-w____ 16. me____

C. Complete the Paragraph. Fill in the spellings for the sound /ao/.

At birth, a doctor examined baby Howard and f____nd that he was healthy.
At three months, Howard’s parents noticed that he smiled a lot; h____ver, he
did not respond to s____nds or voices ar____d him. A doctor in t____n tested
Howie’s hearing and ann____nced that he was prof____ndly deaf. (unable to hear)
At age one, Howie underwent an operation to improve his hearing. Afterward,
he could hear much better, though he still enc____ntered some difficulty.
At age twenty, Howie graduated from college. His teachers and c____nselor
were very pr____d of him and praised him as an __tstanding student.

D. Find the Sound. Underline the words with the sound /ao/. (15)

A kangaroo is a curious animal found in Australia. It has powerful
hind legs that allow it to bound or bounce high in the air and travel
great distances. A comfortable speed is about 20–25 km/h (12–
16 mph). A kangaroo has a strong tail, a short snout, tall ears and big
eyes to scan its surrounding territory. Colors range from gray to brown
to red. A female kangaroo has a pouch to carry her joeys (babies). A
male kangaroo will mate with a number of females and will pound
other challengers with his feet. He will hold a predator—a dingo or
fox—underwater to drown it. A kangaroo typically hangs out with other kangaroos. The
collective noun for a group is a mob, troop or court. These are good names for these
rowdy mammals.

dingo (n.) wolf-like wild dog of Australia        rowdy (adj.) noisy and unruly, disorderly
joey (n.) baby kangaroo                        snout (n) part of animal's head (nose, mouth)
predator (n.) another animal looking for food territory (n.) area that an animal defends as its own

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Change /oo/ as in home to /ao/ as in cow.

1. bow → bow
2. a boat →
3. know →
4. sew →
5. hoe →

Change /o/ or /ɔ/ as in hotdog to /ao/ as in cow.

6. moth →
7. tall →
8. fall →
9. all →
10. dawn →
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**F. Writing.** Write a short description. Tell what is happening, for example, who, what, where, why, when and maybe how. Underline words with the /ɑʊ/ sound.

A **round table** is a form of academic discussion in which each person is given equal right to participate, as illustrated by the idea of a circular layout referred to in the term **round table**.
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Test Yourself (post-test)

Test yourself again to see if you have made progress from when you began this lesson.

A. Find the Sound. Underline words with the /ɑʊ/ sound. (8 pts.)

Loud advertisements on television are confounding. An announcer comes on-screen shouting about a product that he says you cannot live without. The volume drowns out any conversation in the room. By the time you get up, locate the remote control, and turn down the sound, your program has returned. And then you have trouble hearing again!

B. Find and Correct. Mark ✔ if all the words in the sentence are correct. Mark ✗ if one is incorrect and write the correct spelling on the blank. (5 pts.)

1. __________ A clown stepped forward with a flour in his hand.

2. __________ He was smiling though his face was painted with a frown.

3. __________ He reached into the pocket of his large brawn trousers.

4. __________ He caunted out four balloons, blew them up and made a hound dog,

5. __________ which he handed to a little girl in the crowd in front of him.

C. Complete the Paragraph. Fill in the spellings for the /ɑʊ/ sound. (7 pts.)

On a camping trip, four Boy Sc___ts got into trouble when they went fishing. They were hoping to catch some tr____t for dinner. H____ever, the skies became cl____dy and they were caught in a sudden d____npour. The heavy rain caused the river to swell so that they had no way to return. They had to climb a tree and wait four h____rs until the river water decreased and all___ed them to return safely to camp.

swell (v.) enlarge, fill with water

Score__/20 A score of 90% (18/30) or greater is good, less than 90% needs work. Use the Word List on the next page to make note of difficult-to-spell words.
Word List

13.1  **OU**  before a consonant

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Answers

Test Yourself (pre) .............................................................................................................................................. 1

A. Hear the Sound. bow/bow, ow! /eye, mouth/moth (3)

B. Identify the Sound. 2. hour, 3. crowd, 7. doubt, 8. house, 17 down, 23. mouse, 24. towel (7)

C. Complete the Sentence. (5)

1. The Eiffel tower is the well-known landmark in Paris.
2. About twenty-five thousand people visit every day.
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A. Spell the word. .............................................................................................................................................. 4

1. clown 2. spouse 3. flowers 4. mountain
5. crown 6. south 7. towel 8. blouse
9. flour 10. trousers 11. fountain 12. owl
13. brown 14. ground 15. cowboy 16. thousand
17. vowel 18. eyebrow 19. couch 20. gown
21. rowdy 22. proud 23. cloudy 24. loud
25. kick out 26. go down 27. go now 28. go around
29. pronounce 30. growl 31. allow 32. drown
33. sprout 34. shower 35. bounce 36. count
37. shout 38. pout 39. frown 40. doubt

B. Complete the Word. ..................................................................................................................................... 5

1. sour 2. amount 3. town 4. hour
5. lounge 6. pronounce 7. power 8. allowance
9. discount 10. announce 11. crowd 12. powder
13. downpour 14. house 15. pow-wow 16. sow

C. Complete Paragraph. ..................................................................................................................................... 5

At birth, a doctor examined baby Howard and found that he was healthy. At three months, Howard's parents noticed that he smiled a lot; however, he did not respond to sounds or voices around him. A doctor in town tested Howie's hearing and announced that he was profoundly deaf. (unable to hear) At age one, Howie underwent an operation to improve his hearing. Afterward, he could hear much better, though he still encountered some difficulty. At age twenty, Howie graduated from college. His teachers and counselors were very proud of him and praised him as an outstanding student.

D. Find the Sound. /ao/. (15)

A kangaroo is a curious animal found in Australia. It has powerful hind legs that allow it to bound or bounce high in the air and travel great distances. A comfortable speed is about 20–25 km/h (12–16 mph). A kangaroo has a strong tail, a short snout, tall ears and big eyes to scan its surrounding territory. Colors range from gray to brown to red. A female kangaroo has a pouch to carry her joeys (babies). A male kangaroo will mate with a number of females and will pound other challengers with his feet. He will hold a predator—a dingo or fox—underwater to drown it. A kangaroo typically hangs out with other kangaroos. The collective noun for a group is a mob, troop or court. These are good names for these rowdy mammals.
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/ɔʊ/ as in cow

E. Sound Exchange. .......................................................... 6
1. bow ➔ bow
2. a boat ➔ about
3. know ➔ now
4. sew ➔ sow
5. hoe ➔ how
6. moth ➔ mouth
7. tall ➔ towel
8. fall ➔ foul
9. all ➔ owl
10. dawn ➔ down

E. Writing. Write a short story about the picture. (Answers will vary.) .................................................. 8

Test Yourself (post) ................................................................................................................................. 9

A. Find the Sound. (8)

Loud advertisements on television are confounding. An announcer comes on-screen shouting about a product that he says you cannot live without. The volume drowns out any conversation in the room. By the time you get up, locate the remote control, and turn down the sound, your program has returned. And then you have trouble hearing again!

D. Find and Correct. (5)
1. ✗ flour A clown stepped forward with a flour in his hand.
2. ✔ He was smiling though his face was painted with a frown.
3. ✗ brown He reached into the pocket of his large brown trousers.
4. ✗ counted He counted out four balloons, blew them up and made a hound dog.
5. ✗ crowd which he handed to a little girl in the crowd in front of him.

C. Complete the words. (7)

On a camping trip, four Boy Scouts got into trouble when they went fishing. They were hoping to catch some trout for dinner. However, the skies became cloudy and they were caught in a sudden downpour. The heavy rain caused the river to swell so that they had no way to return to camp. They had to climb a tree and wait four hours until the river water decreased and allowed them to return safely to camp.

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