

Vocabulary Building Activity

Review important letter sounds from Grade 4 Vocabulary

ou – oo – oi – au – aw – ow – To hear these sounds online – [click here](#)

ou – oo – oi - oy

1. outstanding
2. proof
3. understood
4. moisture
5. annoy

au – aw - ow

6. author
7. auditorium
8. awkward
9. meadow
10. coward

ou oo oi oy: “ou” makes the sound as in “ouch” – “oo” makes 2 sounds as in food and book. “oi” and “oy” make the same sound as in “oil” and “boy.”

au – aw - ow: “au” and “aw” typically make the short “o” sound as in “octopus.” Examples of “au” and “aw” include – audio – auction – awful – awning. “Ow” makes two sounds, each about 50% of the time. It can make the sound of long “o” - as in “own” and can make the sound of “ou” like in the word “cow.”

SKILL 1 – Sounds and Vocabulary – ou – oo – oi - oy

1. Which two letters make the same sound as what you say if someone pinches you? _____
2. Which two letters make the same sound as the long “u” in rude? _____
3. Which two letters make the same sound as “oy” ? _____
4. Which list word has something to do with water ? _____
5. Which list word describes someone who is bothering someone else? _____

SKILL 2 – Sounds and Vocabulary – aw – au - ow

6. What short vowel sound is the same sound as made by “aw” and “au” ? _____
7. About 50% of the time, “ow” makes the sound of which long vowel? _____
8. About 50% of the time, “ow” makes the sound of what other two letters? _____
9. “Oi” makes the same sound of what other two letters? _____
10. Which list word means “the person who writes a book” ? _____

SKILL 3 – Vowel Sound Thinking (words not from list above)

11. Write 2 other words in which “ou” makes same sound as in “out”: _____
12. Write two words in which “oo” makes a sound like in “food” : _____
13. Write two words in which “oo” makes a sound like in “book” : _____
14. How fast can you say all 10 list words? 4 sec – 5 sec – 6 sec – 7 sec – 8 sec – 9 sec – 10 sec

SKILL 4 – Sentence Writing

15. Use a separate sheet of paper and put each list word into a sentence containing at least 7 words.