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LESSON: Diphtongs

What Is A Diphthong?

A diphthong is a gliding vowel, where the sound begins as one vowel sound and moves to another vowel sound.

Diphthongs can come at the beginning of words (for example out), the middle of words (caught), or the end of words (enjoy).

With a diphthong, the two vowels glide together to make a unique sound.

Here is the list of some vowel pairs that are usually considered diphthongs:

-ow

-ou

-aw

-au

-oi

-oy

examples of diphtongs illustrated in these images:

ow	ου	aw
now	saw	our
ouch	cow	paw
raw	wow	loud
noun	draw	how
chow	couch	power
straws	flower	mouth
houses	awful	shower
chowder	towel	loudest
hourglass	eyebrow	flawless
empowers	jawbreaker	recounted

DIPHTHONGS			
Spelling(s)	Before Vowel	Otherwise	
ay/ai	/aɪ/	/aɪ/	
	fl <u>ay</u> iñ	fl <u>ai</u> t	
	flying	flight	
aw/au	/aʊ/	/aʊ/	
	øl <u>aw</u> iñ	l <u>au</u> d	
	allowing	loud	
ey/ei	/eɪ/	/eɪ/	
	pl <u>ey</u> iñ	pl <u>ei</u> n	
	playing	plain/plane	
oy/oi	/JI/	/2I/	
	<u>joy</u> øs	<u>joi</u> n	
	joyous	join	
ow/ou	/oʊ/	/ου/	
	gr <u>ow</u> iñ	gr <u>ou</u> n	
	growing	groan/grown	
	/63/		
еø	ç <u>eø</u>		
	share (Br.Rec.)		
iø	/I9/		
	ç <u>iø</u>		
	shear/sheer (Br.Rec.)		
	/ʊə/		
uø	t <u>uø</u>		
	tour (Br.Rec.)		