

Helping at Home

When we read words now we can recognise 2 different spellings of the /ow/ sound...

ow (as in cow)
ou (as in out)

Challenge your child to spot words containing the /ow/ sound in the book you share today.

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Did you know?

There are only 2 ways of writing the /oi/ sound...

oi
oy

and when the /oi/ sound comes at the end of the word it is usually spelt 'oy'.

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When we read words now we can recognise 2 different spellings of the /ur/ sound...

ur
ir

*I knew a little girl
Who had a little curl
Right in the middle
of her forehead
When she was
good she was very
very good
But when she was
bad she was horrid!*

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Did you know?

That when the /ur/ sound follows a 'w' it is usually spelt with an 'or'?

worm
worth
world
work

But don't forget the tricky one!
were

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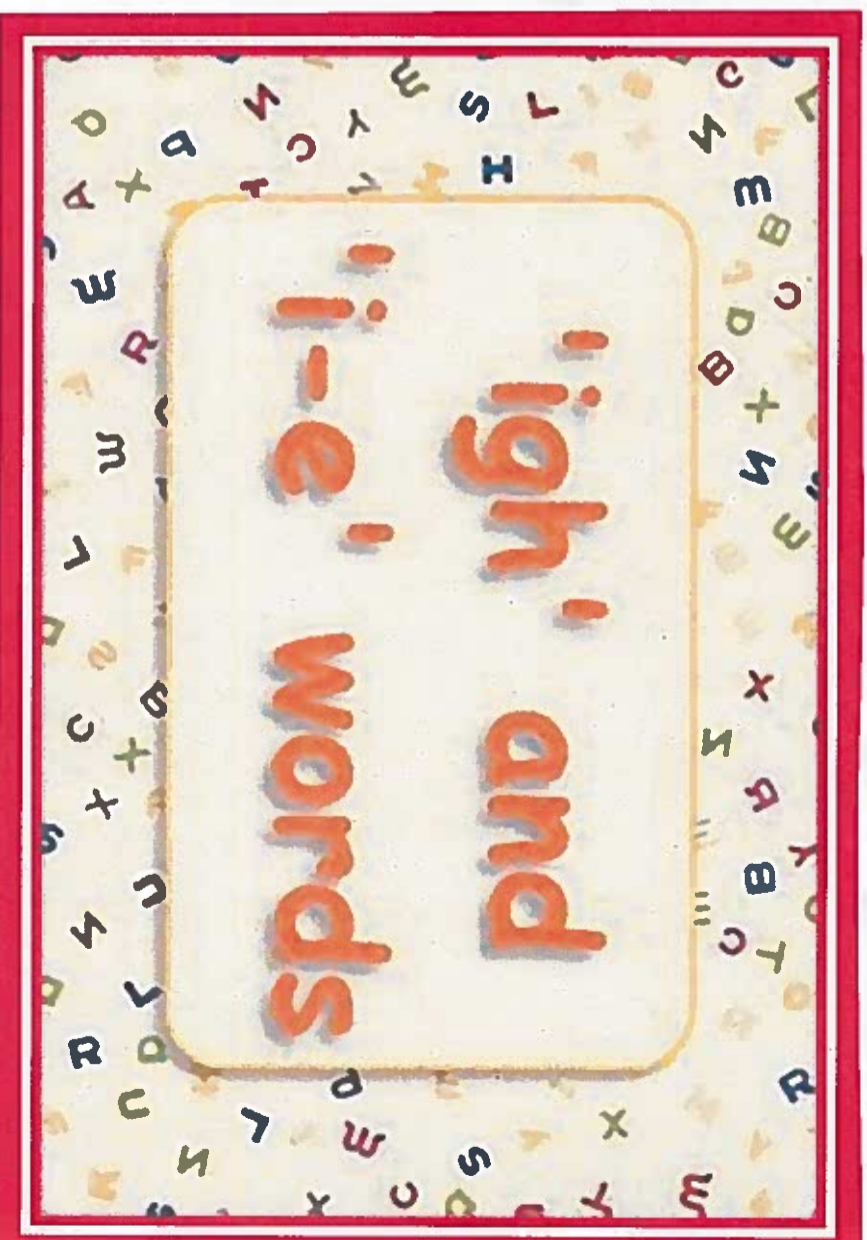
Play 'Odd One Out' with groups of words which contain the same sound. What do you notice about the spelling?

might light kite
should would mud
sail trail pale

Ask your child to spot some others in their favourite book



Alternative Spellings



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Digraphs

The children are now learning how two letters can sometimes make just one sound - these are called digraphs. Examples of digraphs are ai, ee, oa, oo, ar. How many digraphs can you find in the book you are reading with your child today?

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We are learning about **split digraphs** in words or split 'e'. This is where 2 letters making one sound have been split by a consonant in the middle.

time
cake
Pete
home
rule

Can your child find any examples on their cereal box today?

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When we read words now we can recognise 3 different spellings of the /ai/ sound...

ai
ay
a-e
(as in cake)

Can you find different spellings of the /ai/ sound in the books you are sharing together?

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When we read words now we can recognise 3 different spellings of the /oa/ sound...

oa
oe
o-e (as in phone)

See if your child can find out some information from a book or the internet about a creature called a 3-toed Sloth.

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When we read words now we can recognise 4 different spellings of the /oo/ sound...

oo
ue
ew
u-e (as in rule)

Ask your child to draw a **blue lagoon** and the creature that lives within it!

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Help your child to find words that rhyme with

rain
high
pair
blue

Do they all follow the same spelling pattern? What do you notice?

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When we read words now we can recognise 3 different spellings of the /ee/ sound...

ee
ea
e-e (as in Pete)

Ask your child to name as many words containing the /ee/ sound as they can in one minute.

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When we read words now we can recognise 3 different spellings of the /igh/ sound...

igh
ie
i-e (as in bike)

Ask your child to give you some words that rhyme with **light, pie** and **time** - what do they notice when you write them down?

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We can now see that the /f/ sound is sometimes written

as a
f
and sometimes as
ph

Help your child to write some captions to add to their own photograph album.

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The 'W' Special!

If you follow a 'w' with an /o/ sound watch what happens...

wash
watch
wallet

The 'a' makes the /o/ sound instead of an 'o'!