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OU and OW

The main sound of ou and ow is *ow* as in cow.

out	owl
shout	shower
flour	flower

Remember that u and w are sometimes Magic Vowels, and can make an o long, as in: low four

Ow makes two sounds: cow low.

Ou makes seven:

out four Houston soup could cousin courage

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OUS usually says *us*

famous	fabulous
tremendous	furious
generous	enormous
serious	gorgeous

OUSE usually rhymes with mouse or house.

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OI and OY

Oi and oy both say *oy* as in boy.

oil	oyster
boil	loyal
point	toy
moist	enjoy
foil	cowboy

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OO is a Hexagon

1. The sound of long u₂: boot cool kangaroo
2. The sound of long u₃: book foot good look
3. Short u: blood flood
4. Long o: door floor brooch
5. Two long o's: coordinate microorganism
6. Long and short o: cooperate zoology

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The Sounds of EW, UE & EU

ew	ue	eu
blew	blue	bleu
jewel	true	neutral
few	Sue	Europe
shrewd	Tuesday	neuron

Ew, ue and eu all copy long u sounds. Ue is almost always silent at the end of a word after g and q, as in league & antique.

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The Sounds of PN PS PT GN KN

pneumonia (A beginning p before n is silent.)

psychology (A beginning p before s is silent.)

pterodactyl (A beginning p before t is silent.)

gnat sign (A beginning g before n is silent.)

knot knew (A beginning k before n is silent.)

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Silent b, gh, h, l, and t

Sometimes b, gh, h, l and t are silent.

b	gh	h	l	t
comb	light	honor	talk	listen
lamb	night	hour	walk	glisten
limb	weigh	ghost	half	whistle
bomb	taught	rhino	folk	christen
subtle	daughter	Baghdad	Lincoln	Christmas

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The Sounds of IE & EI

1. Long e: chief cookie receive believe Charlie

2. Long i: die cried fried science sleight

3. Long a: vein weigh eight Beirut Beijing

4. Short i: pier weird fierce pierce foreign

5. Short e: heifer friend

The most common sound is long e; next is long i.

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PH

Ph always copies F.

Phil	Phyllis
Ralph	graph
physical	epitaph
phone	pharmacy
lymph	Joseph