

SYLLABLE TYPES

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

When I see ou or ow together, they make one gliding sound.

A diphthong is a vowel team where the sound glides between two positions.

When I can find the two vowels and the one sound they make, I can read and spell the word.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Vowel Team Syllables

from “Why We Need Laws”

A diphthong is a vowel team where the sound glides, as in loud, town, and down. The teams ou and ow both make this gliding sound. This week we study diphthongs from the poem "Why We Need Laws."

This deck teaches **syllable types** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice a vowel team diphthong."

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Notice the vowel team diphthong.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the bold word and the two vowels and the one gliding sound they make.

"Voices grew **loud** like clashing, noisy rings."

I CAN

I can notice a vowel team diphthong and name the two vowels and the one gliding sound they make.



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CHOOSE

“I can choose a vowel team diphthong.”

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Choose the vowel team diphthong.

Read the sentence. Which word is a vowel team diphthong? Use the rule.

“Disagreements spread like storms across the **town**.”

A town • **B** storms • **C** spread

I CAN | I can choose the vowel team diphthong and explain how I know.



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SHOW

“I can show how a vowel team diphthong works.”

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Show the vowel team diphthong.

Read the sentence. In the bold word, name the two vowels and the one gliding sound they make.

“And fairness often seemed to tumble **down**.”

I CAN | I can show the two vowels and the one gliding sound they make.



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OWN

“I can use the diphthong rule to read a longer word.”

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Own it. Read the longer word.

Split the word into its parts. Name the two vowels and the one gliding sound they make.

downtown

down / town

I CAN | I can use the diphthong rule to read a longer word.



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DEFEND

“I can prove that a word has a diphthong.”

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Defend the rule.

Prove the bold word follows the rule. Name the two vowels and the one gliding sound they make.

“Many small problems quickly grew to one, and people **found** that rules were needed.”

I CAN | I can prove that a word has a diphthong.



Find a vowel team diphthong on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one vowel team diphthong. Copy the sentence and name the two vowels and the one gliding sound they make.

Go back to the reading.

Find one vowel team diphthong.

Copy the exact sentence. Then name the two vowels and the one gliding sound they make.

I CAN | I can find a vowel team diphthong and prove it.



Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE loud. Loud has the vowel team ou. The two vowels o and u work together for one gliding sound. A vowel team syllable has two vowels for one sound.

CHOOSE A. town. Town has the vowel team ow, which makes the same gliding sound as ou. Storms has the r-controlled vowel or, and spread is a closed syllable.

SHOW down. Down has the vowel team ow. The two vowels o and w work together for one gliding sound. This is the same diphthong as ou in loud.

OWN down / town. Both syllables have the ow diphthong. Down has the vowel team ow, and town has the vowel team ow. The compound word has two vowel team syllables.

DEFEND found. Found has the vowel team ou. The two vowels o and u work together for one gliding sound. This is a diphthong because the sound glides.

YOUR TURN Answers vary. One example: house. House has the vowel team ou. The two vowels work together for one gliding sound.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Voices grew loud like clashing, noisy rings. ... Disagreements spread like storms across the town. ... And fairness often seemed to tumble down.”

Which word from the poem has a vowel team diphthong?

A loud

B rings

C storms

D spread



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The answer is A.

A **loud** **Correct.**

Loud has the vowel team ou. The two vowels o and u make one gliding sound.

B **rings**

Rings is a closed syllable. The i says its short sound because ng closes it in.

C **storms**

Storms has the r-controlled vowel or. The r changes the vowel sound.

D **spread**

Spread has the vowel team ea, but it makes a short e sound here, not a diphthong.

