

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

"demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling words with common orthographic patterns and rules, including spelling words with the diphthongs ou and ow"

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

The letters ou and ow can spell the same vowel sound, the one you hear in loud.

I listen for that sound, then choose ou or ow to spell it.

loud uses ou, and town uses ow.

THE SPELLING RULE**Diphthongs ou and ow**

loud town down found ground

WHERE THEY APPEAR: "Voices grew loud like clashing, noisy rings."

This deck teaches **Diphthongs ou and ow** across the five RPLD thinking levels: **NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.**

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the ou and ow sound."

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Notice the vowel sound.

Find the letters that spell the sound in loud.

town = t + ow + n

I CAN I can notice ou and ow spelling one vowel sound.



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CHOOSE

"I can choose ou or ow correctly."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling shows the sound in loud?

loud • lowd • lod

I CAN I can choose ou or ow to spell the sound.



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SHOW

"I can show the rule with a passage word."

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Show the rule.

Fill in the letters for this word from the poem.

t _ _ _ n = _ _ _ _ _ (use ow)

I CAN I can spell a passage word with ou or ow.



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OWN

"I can own the rule with a new word."

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Own the rule.

Fill in the letters for this new word on your own.

cl ___ d = _____ (use ou)

I CAN I can spell a new ou or ow word on my own.



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DEFEND

"I can explain and transfer the rule."

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Explain and transfer.

Explain why loud uses ou, then spell one ou or ow word of your own.

"Disagreements spread like storms across the town,"

I CAN I can explain the ou and ow rule and use it in my own writing.



Your turn to spell.

On your tracking sheet, fill in ou or ow for each word, then use one in a sentence about the reading.

cl ____ d → _____ m ____ th → _____ br ____ n → _____ sh ____ t → _____
cr ____ d → _____

I CAN I can spell ou and ow words on my own.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE town = t + ow + n. The letters ow spell the vowel sound.

CHOOSE loud is correct. This word uses ou to spell the sound.

SHOW t + ow + n = town.

OWN cl + ou + d = cloud.

DEFEND loud uses ou to spell the sound you hear; a correct student word might be cloud, brown, or shout.

YOUR TURN cloud, mouth, brown, shout, crowd

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW • Test-Style Question

TEKS (3.2)(B) • DIPHTHONGS OU AND OW

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READ THIS SENTENCE.

Voices grew _____ like clashing, noisy rings.

Which word correctly completes the sentence?

A loud

B lowd

C lod

D lloud

The answer is **A**.

A loud · Correct. This word uses ou to spell the vowel sound.

B lowd · Uses ow, but this word is spelled with ou.

C lod · Leaves out a letter of the ou team.

D lloud · Doubles the l, which this word does not need.