

SPR - UNIT 3. LEARN THE ENGLISH DIPHTHONGS

VIDEOSCRIPT

A diphthong is when we have two short vowels together in the same syllable and they form an individual sound.

Now, in English we can talk about 8 such sounds, 8 diphthongs, and we're going to practise the pronunciation of these diphthongs and we're going to see some sample words, alright? So, number 13 (because this is a continuation of the short vowels and long vowels which we saw in the previous units) so sound number 13, you can see there on the screen, it's pronounced ...

13.	[aɪ]	FLY, BUY, HEIGHT, LIE
14.	[eɪ]	STAY, WAIT, WEIGHT .
15.	[ɔɪ]	VOICE, OIL, BOY.
16.	[ɪə]	BEER, HEAR, HERE
17.	[eə]	BEAR, HAIR, PEAR, PAIR.
18.	[aʊ]	TOWN, ROUND.
19.	[əʊ] = [oʊ]	PHONE, LOAN, GO, BLOW.
20.	*[ʊə] = [ɔː]	SURE, POOR.

OK, so we're going to do a comprehension test now, and it's going to focus on sounds 13-19. I'm going to exclude sound 20 because it's more like a long vowel at the moment. So here in the comprehension test we'll just have those 7 diphthongs, alright? We'll see Box A, Box B and Box C on the screen. Each Box will contain 7 words. Each word will contain one of those diphthongs. What we have to do is link the words from each of the three boxes which contain the sound. And we'll make 7 groups of three words, all containing the same sound.

Alright, so let's start with Box A ...

BOX A	BOX B	BOX C
1. Raise	8. Steer	15. Rise
2. Bite	9. Load	16. Spoil
3. Loud	10. Clown	17. Though
4. Own	11. Dry	18. Air
5. Fear	12. Wear	19. Down
6. Stare	13. Race	20. We're
7. Boil	14. Joys	21. Steak

OK, well you might like to stop the video for a second, and rewind and listen again. Straight away, I'll provide the answers, I'll provide 3 groups, containing sorry! seven groups containing three words with same sound, and you can see once again that the spelling is really no help in forming these groups. So, let's begin then,

1. **Raise/ Race/ Steak** [eɪ], you may like to repeat those words

2. **Bite/Dry/Rise** [aɪ], it's a good idea to repeat

3. **Loud/Clown/Down** [aʊ]

4. **Own/Load/Though** [əʊ] = [oʊ]

5. **Fear/Steer/We're** [ɪə]

6. **Stare/Wear/Air** [eə]

7. **Boil/Joys/Spoil** [ɔɪ]

OK, so we've listened to a few words, we've pronounced a few words, and with that I hope that these sounds are beginning to appear more familiar to you. That's all for today I'll see you in the next Unit ...

**UNIT 3. LEARN ALL THE ENGLISH DIPHTHONGS
WORKSHEET**

Make seven groups of three words from the list.

1. TALE	
2. CARE	
3. BLIND	
4. COUNT	
5. GOLD	
6. NOISE	
7. CHEER	
8. LOW	
9. SAIL	
10. CLEAR	
11. STAIR	
12. CROWN	
13. STYLE	
14. VOICE	
15. LAY	
16. BOLD	
17. MOIST	
18. SHARE	
19. DEAR	
20. GUY	
21. FOUL	

ANSWERS:

1. TALE/SAIL/LAY	[eɪ]
2. CARE/STAIR/SHARE	[eə]
3. BLIND/STYLE/GUY	[aɪ]
4. COUNT/CROWN/FOUL	[aʊ]
5. GOLD/LOW/BOLD	[əʊ] = [oʊ]
6. NOISE/VOICE/MOIST	[ɔɪ]
7. CHEER/CLEAR/DEAR	[ɪə]