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Letter teams

Two letters, one sound: ay, oy, ou, ir and aw.

1 Learn



Some letters work as a **team**. Two letters make **one sound**. A team like this is called a **digraph**.

ay	oy	ou	ir	aw
				
cr**ay**on	b**oy**	cl**ou**d	b**ir**d	p**aw**



Watch Flip read a word:

1. Find the team: **oy**. Draw a line under it.
2. Put a dot under each other letter: **b**.
3. Say each sound: **b … oy**.
4. Push the sounds together: **boy**!

Not b-o-y. The o and y stay together.

Flip's tip: look for the team **first**. Then read the dots and the line.

Warm up: draw a line under the letter team in each word.

day toy out girl saw

Grown-ups: say the team's sound, not the letter names: "oy" sounds like the end of "boy". Point under each line or dot as your child reads.

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2 Try it together

a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Sound hunt

You need: 5 sticky notes or scraps of paper and a pencil.

1. Write **ay**, **oy**, **ou**, **ir** and **aw**, one on each note.
2. Stick the notes around the room.
3. The grown-up says a word, like **bird**. The child finds the note with that sound.
4. Say the sound. Then think of another word with it.
5. Write one word for each team in the table.

Team	A word we said	Found it ✓
ay		
oy		
ou		
ir		
aw		

Grown-ups: words to try: day, play, boy, toy, out, shout, girl, first, saw, claw. If your child says the letter names, say, "Those letters are a team. What sound do they make together?"

3 Practise

A. Draw a ring round the letter team in each word. Then read the word.


house


shirt


saw


tray


toy

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B. Say the picture's name. Write the missing team: **ay oy ou ir aw**



m___se



g___l



p___



cr___on



b___

C. Read the word. Draw it in the box.

c l ou d

b ir d

D. Read both words. Draw a ring round the one that matches the picture.



tray
toy



shirt
shout



play
paw



cloud
clay

Challenge

Leo reads the word **boy** as **b – o – y**. Is he right? How should he read it?

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I can… Tick when you can.

- ☐ spot a letter team in a word
- ☐ say the sound for ay, oy, ou, ir and aw
- ☐ read words like boy, cloud and bird