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The Diphthong [ou]

Two vowel sounds run together like in the word "cloud"

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[Figure1]

A **diphthong** runs together two vowel sounds. In the diphthong [o ũ] the two sounds are [o] and [ũ]. When we run the two together, we say something that sounds like “ow,” as in *cow* and *cloud* and *crown*. The word *diphthong* is pronounced [díf-thong]. It combines two Greek elements: *di-*, which means “two,” and *phthong*, which means “sound.”

Examples

Underline the letters that make the diphthong [o ũ] in each word.

1. scout
2. crown

Review

1. In the words below underline the letters that spell the diphthong [o ũ].

account	ground	round	thousand
powerful	amount	cloudy	vowel
mouth	downtown	crowded	mountain
flower	however	doubt	allowance

2. Now sort these sixteen words into these two groups.

Words in which [ou] is spelled . . .

<ou>		<ow>	

[Figure2]

Review (Answers)

1.

<i>acc<u>ou</u>nt</i>	<i>gr<u>ou</u>nd</i>	<i>rou<u>nd</u></i>	<i>th<u>ou</u>sand</i>
<i>pow<u>er</u>ful</i>	<i>am<u>ou</u>nt</i>	<i>cl<u>ou</u>dy</i>	<i>v<u>ow</u>el</i>
<i>m<u>ou</u>th</i>	<i>down<u>town</u></i>	<i>crow<u>de</u>d</i>	<i>mount<u>ai</u>n</i>
<i>fl<u>ow</u>er</i>	<i>how<u>ev</u>er</i>	<i>doub<u>t</u></i>	<i>allow<u>an</u>ce</i>

2.

Words in which [o ũ] is spelled...

<ou>		<ow>	
<i>account</i>	<i>cloudy</i>	<i>powerful</i>	<i>crowded</i>
<i>mouth</i>	<i>doubt</i>	<i>flower</i>	<i>vowel</i>
<i>ground</i>	<i>thousand</i>	<i>downtown</i>	<i>allowance</i>
<i>amount</i>	<i>mountain</i>	<i>however</i>	
<i>round</i>			

Explore More

Word Squamble. A Squamble combines a Word Square with a Word Scramble.

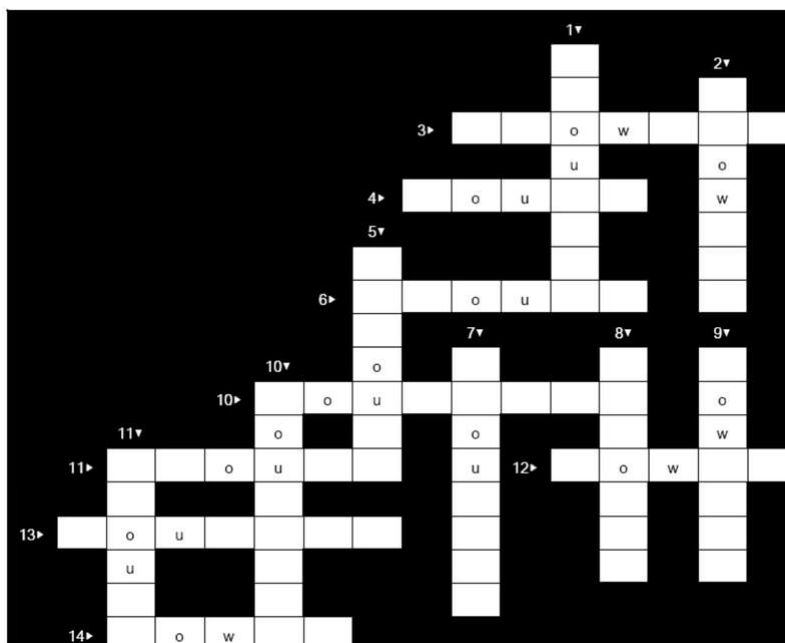
Unscramble the sixteen scrambled words below. Then fit them into the rows and columns of the Squares. The number of the scrambled word is the same as the number of the row or column it fits into in the Squares. As you unscramble each word, fit it into the Squares, and that will give you clues about how to unscramble other words. Two other clues: All of the words contain the sound [o ũ], and in the Squares we have written in the letters that spell the [o ũ] sound.

Columns: ▼

1. redugond = _____
2. dworced = _____
5. cutcoan = _____
7. shadnuto = _____
8. walldoe = _____
9. herevow = _____
10. outinman = _____
11. dranou = _____

Rows: ►

3. rewolf = _____
4. rudon = _____
6. coylud = _____
10. humotluf = _____
11. manout = _____
12. prewo = _____
13. dobudet = _____
14. swond = _____



[Figure3]

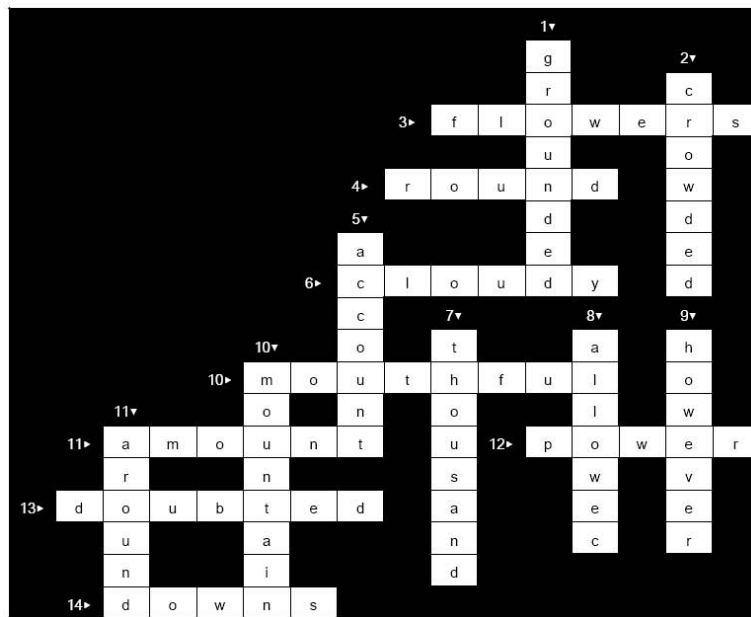
Explore More (Answers)

Columns: ▼

1. redugond = grounded
2. dworced = crowded
5. cutcoan = account
7. shadnuto = thousand
8. walldoe = allowed
9. herevow = however
10. outinman = mouthful
11. dranou = amount

Rows: ►

3. rewolf = flowers
4. rudon = round
6. coylud = cloudy
10. humotluf = mountain
11. manout = around
12. prewo = power
13. dobudet = doubted
14. swond = downs



[Figure4]

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