

# diphthongs əʊ aʊ (no now) pronunciation

Southern British English (RP)

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i:	ɪ	ʊ	u:	ɪə	eɪ		
e	ə	ɜ:	ɔ:	ʊə	ɔɪ	əʊ	
æ	ʌ	a:	ɒ	eə	aɪ	aʊ	
p	b	t	d	tʃ	dʒ	k	g
f	v	θ	ð	s	z	ʃ	ʒ
m	n	ŋ	h	l	r	w	j



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## /əʊ/ words

oh, go, so, no, know  
show, grow, flow, blow, crow  
bow, row, mow, slow  
toe, foe old, cold  
oat, boat nose, hose  
close, close ocean, over  
home, Rome, comb, chrome,  
phone, bone, own, loan, shown, flown, grown, groan  
owner, slowly  
coke, woke, spoke, broke, oak  
soap, Pope, rope, hope  
hole, whole, goal, roll, mole, bowl  
holy  
Pole, Poland, Polish.  
coast, roast, most, host, boast

## /aʊ/ words

bow (=to lean forward), row (=to argue)  
how, now, brown, cow  
allow, shower, hour, flower, power  
however  
found, round, bound, ground  
coward, Howard

## Sound pairs

əʊ	ʊ
oh!	ow!
bow	bow
know	now
row	row
toe	Tao
phoned	found
load	loud
crowed	crowd

aʊ	əʊ
blouse	blows
out	oat
foul	foal
howl	hole
allowed	a load
ground	groaned
town	tone
house (verb)	hose

## Now try these sentences:

### /əʊ/

Soap on a rope.  
Don't go so close to the boat.  
My home is close to Mr Malone's home.  
He woke slowly, blew his nose, and then combed his hair.

### /aʊ/

Howard is no coward.  
She found the flower on the ground.  
Every hour he's allowed to make a sound.

### /əʊ/ /aʊ/ mixed sentences

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A fully grown cow sat on the ground.  
You have to go slowly around the old oak tree.  
Every hour he was woken by a loud sound.  
I hope you now know why I spoke for over an hour.

## Check where the sounds were:

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