



## Help with pronunciation Units 7 and 8

### Diphthongs

#### The diphthong /aʊ/ as in *cow*

Find the target sound by looking up the word 'cow' in your Macmillan Pronunciation Dictionary and repeating the word after playing it or listening to your teacher model the sound. Your mouth should move from an open position with the jaw down and the lips parted wide to a smaller position with the lips rounded and the jaw up. When you are confident you have found the correct sound return to the exercise.

You have encountered many words in which this sound occurs before Unit 8. The sound can be indicated by the spelling 'ow' or 'ou'. However, other different vowel sounds are also indicated by these spellings.

#### Task 1

Find a way from start to finish by passing through boxes with words containing the sound /aʊ/. Move only horizontally or vertically through the boxes.

Start



ground	mountain	touchdown	country	stow	slow
snow	outlet	dangerous	tow	enormous	ought
allow	announce	journey	cloud	about	south
sound	flow	rough	northbound	would	announcement
now	tower	down draught	power	thought	around
low	smoulder	source	could	obvious	town



Finish

**Task 2**

Now complete the table with the remaining words in Task 1 i.e. words which do not contain the sound /aʊ/. The first word has been given to you.

<i>/əʊ/ as in know</i>	<i>/ʌ/ as in cut</i>	<i>/ɔ:/ as in pour</i>	<i>/ʊ/ as in put</i>	<i>/ə/ as in mother</i>
flow	c <u>o</u> untry	ought	could	danger <u>o</u> us

**Task 3**

Write a non-routine radio-telephony message incorporating one or more of the words above and at least one word containing the sound /aʊ/. When you have finished, read them out loud for your partner to write down.

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