

**Pronunciation Practice.**

There are two letter combinations that make the OW sound as in cow. They are OW like cow, and OU like ouch. Say these words to practice hearing and saying the OW sound.

about	without	workout	found	sound	round
ground	around	now	how	wow	eyebrow
meow	out	shout	scout	loud	cloud

Sometimes OU and OW are not pronounced like the OW in COW. In each line, circle one word that is pronounced differently.

crowd	owl	soul
foul	shoulder	flower
coward	house	though
through	couch	mouth
noun	blouse	row
loud	mower	power
own	down	round
around	gown	shown

**Sometimes the same word is pronounced differently.**

For example, you bow to show respect. You tie a bow in your hair.

**Test yourself by filling in either OU or OW to complete these words. Then practice reading the sentences.**

1. The king wears a gold cr\_\_\_\_n.
2. Moles live undergr\_\_\_\_nd.
3. We had to sh\_\_\_\_t to make him hear us.
4. The cat carries it's kittens in her m\_\_\_\_th.
5. The bride wore a white silk g\_\_\_\_n.
6. How many \_\_\_\_nces are in a pound?
7. Lemons taste s\_\_\_\_r.
8. Some monks take a v\_\_\_\_ of silence.
9. Several people have dr\_\_\_\_ned in this lake.
10. We found a little grey m\_\_\_\_se in our h\_\_\_\_se.

**Using Prepositions:**

We use during + noun (during the movie). We use while + verb (while I'm reading).

EX: We didn't speak during the meal. We didn't speak while we were eating.

Use for + period of time. EX: We played tennis for three hours.

Use before/after + ing (before going OR after eating)

EX: I have breakfast before going to work. After doing the laundry, they went home.

**Exercise 1: Choose during/ while/ for**

1. Gayle called \_\_\_\_\_ you were out.
2. I stayed in Rome \_\_\_\_\_ six days.
3. Sally didn't read any newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ she was on vacation.
4. The students looked bored \_\_\_\_\_ the lecture.
5. I fell out of bed \_\_\_\_\_ I was asleep.
6. Last night, I watched TV \_\_\_\_\_ 3 hours.
7. I don't usually watch TV \_\_\_\_\_ the day.
8. Do you ever watch TV \_\_\_\_\_ you are having dinner?

**Exercise 2: Complete the sentences using an -ing word (doing, having, etc.)**

After \_\_\_\_\_ the shopping, they went to the movie.

I felt sick after \_\_\_\_\_ the crabmeat.

I'm going to ask you a question. Think carefully before \_\_\_\_\_ it.

I felt awful when I got up this morning. I felt better after \_\_\_\_\_ a shower.

After \_\_\_\_\_ work, I left the office and went home.

Before \_\_\_\_\_ to a foreign country, you should learn the language.

**Read this story. Underline any vocabulary you don't know. Summarize the lesson for the group.**

*The summer I turned 16, I told my father I was going to the cherry-canning plant to get a job. Without any hesitation, he said, "You need to pack a lunch."*

*I thought, "Why do I need a lunch when we live so close to the canning plant? I can just come home for lunch." But I said nothing, packed a lunch, and took it with me.*

*When I arrived at 6 a.m., 15 men were already sitting on a bench waiting to get a job. Then one of the company trucks pulled up, and the person in charge of hiring came out of the front office. He looked at everybody and said, "Who has their lunch?"*

*I was the last person on that long bench, and I raised my hand.*

*He said, "You're hired. Get in this truck, and go with these men." I realized that my father had prepared me for getting the job without my knowing it. He knew they were hiring men to work far away from our neighborhood. The hours were long. Anyone who didn't have a lunch wouldn't be able to make it through the long shift. So by having a lunch, I made myself the perfect candidate. I worked very hard that first day and they hired me on for the rest of the summer.*

**Discussion:**

Tell the group about your summer jobs.

Has anyone ever helped you get a job? Explain.

Would you encourage your kids to work during high school?