

In our classroom this week, we are learning to read and spell words with the **vowel team** *ou*. Here are the letters and patterns to practice this week:

Consonants	b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, z y at the beginning of a word
Vowels	a, e, i, o, u y at the end of a word
Vowel Teams	A vowel team has 2 or more letters side by side that are pronounced as 1 vowel sound. Some vowel teams spelled with 2 letters side by side can be pronounced 2 different ways.

Here are some examples of words with the 2 pronunciations for the vowel team *ou*:

OU (/ou/ as in house)		OU (short u as in touch)
bound	loud	Doug
couch	mound	rough
ground	ouch	touch
house	out	young

Your Turn: This week, be on the lookout for words that have the <u>vowel team ou</u>. In the table below, keep a list of pattern words that you read or write with your child.

OU (/ou/ as in house)	OU (short u as in touch)

Use the activities and questions from the original *Family Support Letter* to further assist your child's success in learning the weekly phonics focus.