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Name

Specific VV Patterns I

The general **V́V = name** pattern is a powerful predictor of vowel quality for many stressed vowels spelled with two vowel letters, e.g. *ai, ay, ea, ee, oa, oi, oy.* However, for seven VV spellings, the general pattern fails to predict accurately. For these spellings – all ending in the letters *u, w* and *o* – specific patterns are needed. This lesson presents reliable patterns for *au, aw, eu, ew,* and *oo* spellings. Patterns for *ou* and *ow* come in the next lesson.

A. Patterns for *au, aw*

The spellings *au* and *aw* predict lax vowels, as shown below.

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c<u>au</u>se   a<u>ú</u> = /ɑ ~ ɔ/   **b<u>aw</u>l**   a<u>ẃ</u> = /ɑ ~ ɔ/

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Educated speakers in different English-speaking areas pronounce this spelling as /ɑ/ or /ɔ/. You may choose to write and to say either one; they are both correct. Remember to apply these specific patterns before applying the general pattern, V́V = name.

   a.   *Underline the Key of each word.*
   b.   *Write out the vowel quality pattern of the Key.*
   c.   *Transcribe the Key vowel using the name-shape translator as needed.*
   d.   *Say each word aloud and check your pronunciation.*

E.g. v<u>au</u>lted	a<u>ú</u> = /ɑ ˜ ɔ/	/ɑ ~ ɔ/	5.	ónslaùght	_____	/ /
E.g. gr<u>ai</u>ns	V́V = name	/ ey /	6.	quaking	_____	/ /
1. dawned	_____	/ /	7.	twanged	_____	/ /
2. prays	_____	/ /	8.	dúàds	_____	/ /
3. crashed	_____	/ /	9.	drawn	_____	/ /
4. crawling	_____	/ /	10.	faults	_____	/ /

Note 1:   aunt, laugh /æ ~ ɑ/; gauge /ey/; no aw spelling: away, await, awake, awoke, award, aware

B. Patterns for *eu, ew*

The spellings *eu* and ew suggest only one glided pronunciation, as in these two patterns.

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f<u>eu</u>d   e<u>ú</u> = /uw/   **gr<u>ew</u>**   e<u>ẃ</u> = /uw/

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E.g. w<u>ee</u>ds   <u>V́V = name</u>   / iy /   5. str<u>ai</u>ning   _____   /   /

E.g. scr<u>ew</u>ing <u>éw = /uw/</u>   /uw/   6. sl<u>eu</u>th's   _____   /   /

1. deuce   _____   /   /   7. adr<u>oi</u>tly   _____   /   /

2. appláuse _____   /   /   8. renéwing   _____   /   /

3. withdréw _____   /   /   9. fonts   _____   /   /

4. withdráw _____   /   /   10. repéated   _____   /   /

Note 2:   Prefixes *de-, pre-, re-* before *w* & *u* stems do not create **ew** & **eu** spellings: prewar, reuse

C. Patterns for *oo*

The first vowel patterns for *oo* is more specific than the second and should be tried first.

c<u>oo</u>k   óok = /ʊ/   **f<u>oo</u>d**   óo = /uw/

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d. *Say each word aloud and check your pronunciation.*

E.g. pr<u>oo</u>f   <u>óo = /uw/</u>   / uw /   7. scrawled   _____   /   /

E.g. m<u>oa</u>n   <u>V́V = name</u>   / ow /   8. hewing   _____   /   /

1. brook   _____   /   /   9. throat   _____   /   /

2. shooting _____   /   /   10. smoothly   _____   /   /

3. choice   _____   /   /   11. hooked   _____   /   /

4. smoking _____   /   /   12. Claude   _____   /   /

5. looked   _____   /   /   13. spooling   _____   /   /

6. locked   _____   /   /   14. escáped   _____   /   /

Note 3:   blood, flood /ʌ/; good, hood, stood, wood, foot /ʊ/; door, floor /ow/; kook, spook /uw/

Check your answers to items 1-5. **p. 1.** 1. d<u>aw</u>ned, áu = /ɑ ~ ɔ/; 2. pr<u>ay</u>s, V́V = name /ey/; 3. cr<u>a</u>shed, V́CC = shape /æ/; 4. cr<u>aw</u>ling, áu = /ɑ ~ ɔ/; 5. onsl<u>au</u>ght, àu = /ɑ ~ ɔ/. **p. 2top.** 1. deuce, éu = /uw/; 2. appl<u>au</u>se, áu = /ɑ ~ ɔ/; 3. withdr<u>ew</u>, éw = /uw/; 4. withdr<u>aw</u>, áw = /ɑ ~ ɔ/; 5. str<u>ai</u>ning, V́V = name /ey/. **p. 2bot.** 1. br<u>oo</u>k, óok = /ʊ/; 2. sh<u>oot</u>, óo = /uw/; 3. ch<u>oice</u>, V́V = name /ɔy/; 4. sm<u>o</u>king, V́C+E = name /ow/; 5. l<u>oo</u>ked, óok = /ʊ/.