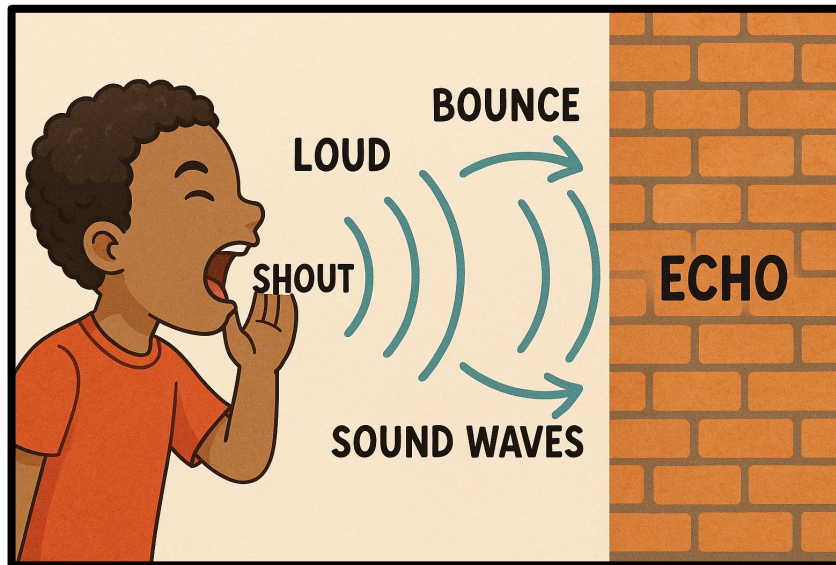


Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ou

"This nonfiction story explains how sound travels. Watch for 'ou' words like 'shout,' 'out,' and 'around' as you learn how sound moves!"



How Does Sound Travel?

Sound travels through the air in waves.

When you shout, the air moves out in circles.

These waves carry the sound to other people all around.

If you stand near a wall and shout, the sound can bounce back as an echo!

Loud sounds travel farther, while soft sounds stay close.

That's why you can hear a loud shout from far away, but a whisper only nearby.

Sound is all about motion!

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

around	bounce	about	loud	shout
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How Does Sound Travel?

1. How does sound move through the air?

- A. It moves in lines
- B. It moves in waves
- C. It stops right away
- D. It goes in a straight path

2. What happens when sound hits a wall?

- A. It gets louder
- B. It bounces back as an echo
- C. It turns into light
- D. It becomes a song

3. Fill in the blank:

Loud sounds travel farther, while soft sounds stay _____.

4. Why do you think loud sounds can travel farther than soft sounds?

5. What happens if you shout inside a big empty room?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: ou as in *shout* (/ow/ sound)

Genre: Nonfiction – Physical Science / Sound Waves

High-Frequency Words: when, you, can, why, all

Before Reading

1. This story uses “ou” words like *shout*, *out*, *loud*, *around*, *bounce*, and *about*.
 2. Have you ever heard an echo after shouting?
 3. What’s the loudest sound you’ve ever made or heard?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Stretch the /ow/ sound in words like *shout*, *out*, *around*, and *bounce*.
 2. Watch for how sound moves through the air and bounces off walls
 3. Where would sound travel farthest—inside or outside?
 4. Read the final line with excitement—sound is everywhere!
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After Reading

1. Retell how sound moves and how an echo happens
 2. Why do loud sounds reach people far away?
 3. What fun experiments could you try with sound?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six “ou” words in the passage
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again with changes in volume—try reading some lines loud and others soft!
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Activity Idea

Draw sound waves coming from a person shouting, with waves bouncing off a wall to create an echo. Label items using “ou” words like *shout*, *out*, *loud*, *around*, *bounce*, or *about*. Write one sentence about how sound travels.

Coaching Tip

Connect science to real experiences—kids love discovering how their own voices can teach them about sound!

