

Diphthong oi

A diphthong is two vowel sounds that glide together — oi says /oi/ as in coin, soil, and point

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1 Add the team **oi**. Write the new word on the line.

1. c _ _ n → _ _ 2. s _ _ l → _ _ 3. p _ _ nt → _ _
4. b _ _ l → _ _ 5. j _ _ n → _ _ 6. c _ _ l → _ _

2 Circle the words spelled with **oi**. Watch out for words spelled with oy!

1. coin 2. boy 3. point 4. cat
5. oil 6. toy 7. join 8. hop

3 Read each sentence aloud. Circle every **oi** word.

1. I found a coin in the soil.
2. Mom will boil water and join us.
3. Use the point of the pencil to coil the wire.

4 Look at each picture. Write the **oi** word.



5 Word chain. Change one letter each time. Write the new word.

boil → _____ → _____ → _____ → _____
start here change **b** to **c** change **l** to **n** change **c** to **j** add **s** at the end

Answer Key — Diphthong **oi**

For teachers and parents

Activity 1 — Add oi

1. coin · 2. soil · 3. point · 4. boil · 5. join · 6. coil

A **diphthong** is a single vowel sound that glides — your mouth moves from one vowel position to another in one syllable. In **oi**, the sound starts at /o/ and glides to /i/. Try saying it slowly: /o-ee/ → /oi/.

Activity 2 — Circle the oi words

Should be circled: coin, point, oil, join

Not circled: boy, toy (same /oi/ sound but spelled with **oy**), cat, hop

The trickiest part of this skill: **oi** and **oy** sound identical. The spelling depends on where the sound sits in the word — see the teaching tip below.

Activity 3 — Circle every oi word in each sentence

1. I found a **coin** in the **soil**.
2. Mom will **boil** water and **join** us.
3. Use the **point** of the pencil to **coil** the wire.

Tip: every sentence has exactly two **oi** words.

Activity 4 — Write the oi word for each picture

1. coin · 2. soil · 3. boil · 4. point

Activity 5 — Word chain

boil → coil → coin → join → joins

Every word in this chain keeps the **oi** diphthong. Tracking one-letter changes builds spelling flexibility and reinforces that **oi** is a stable two-letter unit.

Teaching tip

The big rule for this sound: **oi** goes in the *middle* of a word (coin, point, soil), and **oy** goes at the *end* (boy, toy, enjoy). Same sound, different spelling — the same pattern as **ai** (rain) versus **ay** (day).