

Today we are going to pronounce
8 (long) ***double-vowel*** sounds

ɪə Here	eɪ Day	
ʊə Cure	ɔɪ Boy	əʊ Go
eə Chair	aɪ Mine	aʊ Cow

Standard phonetic symbols

8 Long double-vowel sounds (i)

Vowel	sound		(i.p.a.)
"ay"	a pron		eɪ
"air"	a irport		eə
"igh"	i ce cream		aɪ
"oh"	o pen		əʊ

8 Long double-vowel sounds (ii)

Vowel	sound		(i.p.a.)
"ure"	pu re		ʊə
"ear"	che er		ɪə
"ow"	to wn		aʊ
"oy"	bo il		ɔɪ

Emma's video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdXCF8KHSMQ>

How are these sounds spelled?



Spelling the **double-vowel** sounds

Vowel Sound	Common spellings
'ay'	pl <u>ay</u> , gate, s <u>ai</u> l, gr <u>ea</u> t, the <u>y</u>
'air'	ai <u>r</u> , r <u>are</u> , the <u>ir</u> , the <u>re</u> , pr <u>ay</u> er
'igh'	e <u>ye</u> , pi <u>e</u> , li <u>gh</u> t, cr <u>y</u> , bi <u>k</u> e
'oh'	d <u>ough</u> , co <u>at</u> , to <u>e</u> , s <u>ew</u> , s <u>ow</u> , bo <u>w</u>
'ure'	cu <u>re</u> , to <u>ur</u> , s <u>ew</u> er, ur <u>ine</u> , m <u>ur</u> al
'ear'	r <u>ear</u> , ch <u>eer</u> , h <u>ere</u> , pi <u>er</u> , souven <u>ir</u>
'ow'	to <u>wn</u> , <u>ou</u> t, bo <u>ugh</u> , bo <u>w</u>
'oy'	to <u>y</u> , <u>oi</u> l

Common spellings are underlined

There are a few triple-vowel sounds

Add the second "a" sound after a double vowel sound

... for example:

Hour "ow" sound followed by "a"

Choir "igh" sound followed by "a"

Visual "ure" sound followed by "a"

But mostly there's a pause between the double vowel sound and the next vowel:

Lower "oh" sound , then a pause, then "a"

Flower "ow" sound , then a pause, then "a"

Buyer "igh" sound , then a pause, then "a"