

Domain and goal

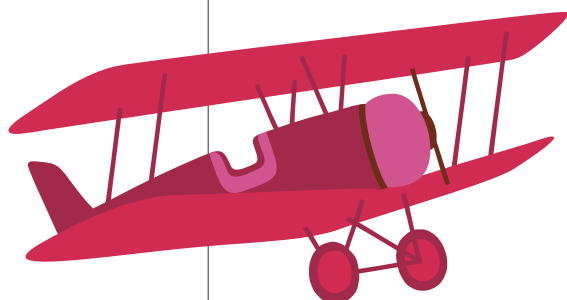
- Imitates diphthongs spontaneously or on demand

Activities

Diphthongs are made by combining two vowels to make one sound. They are more difficult to produce than vowels and generally come after your child can produce a variety of single vowels.

Diphthongs /au/ – round and /ai/ – bye-bye

- A fun way to develop the /au/ sound is to play with a doll or teddy bear and have it fall down or hurt itself in some way. Have band-aids ready to put on the doll/teddy bear and repeat the sound **"ow"** and the phrase, **"Ow! Teddy hurt himself, ow!"**. Talk about the various injuries each time the teddy gets hurt and put a bandaid on the teddy each time. Children love band-aids and this is a fun way to work on this complex vowel sound.
- The diphthong /ai/ is found in the words 'hi' and 'bye-bye'. Children love to see objects appear and disappear from holes in boxes. Use an old box and cut small holes in one side. Use small toys to poke through the holes and as each toy appears, model 'hi' and say **"Hi doggie, come out. Hi"**. Your child should imitate the last word, 'Hi'. You can also use your family photos and have the photos appear through the holes in the box. It is fun for the child if you have a few holes on one side of the box as they will be surprised when the toy or photo appears from a different hole each time.



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