

'au'

In the word 'autumn', the letters 'au' make the sound /or/. This spelling pattern is often found at the beginning or in the middle of a word.

Part A

Find the correct missing word for each sentence and write it in the first column. Draw a picture to show what each of these words mean in the middle column and then write the missing word again in the space in the sentence. Remember to use capital letters and full stops when you need to.

Missing Word	Picture	Sentence
		In _____, we are going to Spain on holiday.
		_____ are extinct.
		When I grow up, I want to become an _____.
		The brave _____ began her spacewalk.

astronaut

august

dinosaurs

author

Use a dictionary to find the meaning of these 'au' words and copy them here:

launch: _____

autumn: _____

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The letters 'au' make the sound /or/ in words like autumn and author. There are other ways to make the /or/ sound:

or as in fork

aw as in claw

oor as in floor

ore as in score

our as in four

augh as in caught

Part B

Circle all the words with the /or/ sound in them and write them in the table.

It was a bright autumn morning when Claudia woke up. She did a large yawn and opened her curtains. She saw the sun shining on the seashore and their pet horse, Morse, chomping on some straw in his field.

She pulled on her shorts and her favourite astronaut jumper. Quickly, she brushed her hair before she ran down for breakfast. In her hurry, she slipped on the step and landed on the floor in a heap.

“Ouch! My ankle is sore,” she moaned.

“Poor old you,” Mum said kindly to her daughter. “Now, pour yourself a glass of milk and sit down.”

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Challenge Task

When the digraph 'ar' comes after 'w', it makes the /or/ sound. How many words can you think of with w+ar in them? Write them here:

'au' Answers

Part A

Missing Word	Picture	Sentence
<i>August</i>	Child's drawing	In <i>August</i> , we are going to Spain on holiday.
<i>dinosaurs</i>	Child's drawing	<i>Dinosaurs</i> are extinct.
<i>author</i>	Child's drawing	When I grow up, I want to become an <i>author</i> .
<i>astronaut</i>	Child's drawing	The brave <i>astronaut</i> began her spacewalk.

Use a dictionary to find the meaning of these 'au' words and copy them here:

launch: *Make something start moving by giving it a push or letting it roll.*

autumn: *The season that follows summer and comes before winter.*

Part B

It was a bright **au**tumn morning when **Clau**dia woke up. She did a large **ya**wn and opened her curtains. She **sa**w the sun shining on the seash**ore** and their pet **hor**se, **Mor**se, chomping on some **straw** in his field.

She pulled on her **shor**ts and her favourite **astronau**t jumper. Quickly, she brushed her hair **befor**e she ran down for breakfast. In her hurry, she slipped on the step and landed on the **flor**e in a heap.

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"**Poor** old you," Mum said kindly to her **daugh**ter. "Now, **pour** **your**self a glass of milk and sit down."

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<i>shorts</i> <i>for</i>	<i>autumn</i> <i>Claudia</i> <i>astronaut</i>	<i>yawn</i> <i>saw</i> <i>straw</i>	<i>seashore</i> <i>hors</i> <i>Morse</i> <i>before</i>	<i>floor</i> <i>poor</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>pour</i> <i>yourself</i>

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ward, warm, war, warden, towards