

It's Not Just A Lot Of Hot Air.... Kinko's Uses The Wind!

In this article are words that have the /ou/ sound. This can be represented by *ou* or by *ow*. Have your students look for words in the article that have the /ou/ sound. They should give you the words *power*, *now*, *town*, *out*, and *around*. Write these words on the board and elicit the two ways to spell /ou/. Lead students to the understanding that the /ou/ sound is usually written *ou* when it is not the last sound in a syllable. (Closed syllable) The sound /ou/ is written *ow* when it is the last sound in the syllable. (Open syllable) *Town* is an exception. Then give each student a sort containing the following words:

power	around
flower	council
shower	mouthwash
coward	devour
drowsy	foundry
rowdy	county
dowdy	scoundrel
vowel	doubtful
allow	

Play "Picture It" with the new words. You may want to only play with the /ou/ words or you may add these words to your previous deck. This depends on the level and needs of your students.