Listening and Speaking:
Pronunciation: Diphthongs

1. In the Writing & Reading Center, go the section with computers for listening

2. Double click on ESL Pronunciation Folder

3. Click on SoundsofEnglish.com

4. Click on “oy, how, height”

5. Listen to some examples of diphthongs

Language Note: Diphthongs are two nonadjacent sounds and consisting of a broad gliding movement from one point of articulation to another. Some examples of diphthongs include /ay/ as in bite, /aw/ as in cloud and /әy/ as in boy.

6. Practice the three diphthong sounds

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7. For additional practice watch the video clips
8. Find an instructor or tutor. Ask him or her to say the sounds from the instructor list as you circle the word that has the same sound. Ask for clarification/repetition as necessary.

**Instructor List:**

1. /aw/
2. /әy/
3. /ay/
4. /әy/
5. /ay/
6. /ay/
7. /aw/
8. /aw/
9. /ay/
10. /ay/

**Student List:**

1. cow coy
2. boy bowl
3. kite coil
4. towel toys
5. now night
6. vase vice
7. mice mouse
8. ice house
9. tie tow
10. sour sigh

Instructor/Tutor Signature

Date:  

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