

# Lesson 3: Variant Vowels

## Spelling Words

1. count
2. country
3. salt
4. cross
5. shout
6. youth
7. amount
8. pounds
9. mountain
10. thousands
11. proof
12. crawled
13. account
14. launched
15. rumors
16. saucer

## Your Own Words

Look for other words with the /ou/, /ô/, or /oo/ sound, and add them to your lists. When might you use the words *astronaut* and *soundproof*? Where would you see the words *laundry* and *tools*?

17. \_\_\_\_\_
18. \_\_\_\_\_
19. \_\_\_\_\_
20. \_\_\_\_\_

Each Spelling Word has the /ou/ sound, the /ô/ sound, or the /oo/ sound. Study the words to see which letter or letter combinations are used to spell these sounds.

Say the Spelling Words to yourself, and sort them into three groups according to their vowel sounds.

**/OU/**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**/Ô/**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**/OO/**

_____	_____
_____	_____

- ▶ The /ou/ sound is often spelled *ou*.
- ▶ The /ô/ sound may be spelled *o*, *a*, *au*, or *aw*.
- ▶ The /oo/ sound may be spelled *ou*, *oo*, or *u*.

## Lesson 3: Variant Vowels *(continued)*

**SPELLING CLUES: Reading Aloud** When you are not certain of the correct spelling of a word, try to remember how the word looks. Then write the word down. Does it look right?

Check the two spellings of each pair. Write the correct spelling of each word.

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. youth youth     | 4. sault salt    |
| 2. crauled crawled | 5. pounds puonds |
| 3. cross crose     | 6. amount amownt |

**PROOFREADING** 7–12. Proofread this paragraph. Circle the misspelled words, and write the correct spelling of each.

*Libby and I sometimes watched an anthill up the street. One day she gave a showt for me to come and see. Tiny ants had lawnched an attack on the anthill. Big ants poured out by the thousands. Libby tried to cownt them and couldn't. There were too many to account for. They fought a great battle on the hill—to them, it was a mountian. The big ants succeeded in driving their attackers away.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

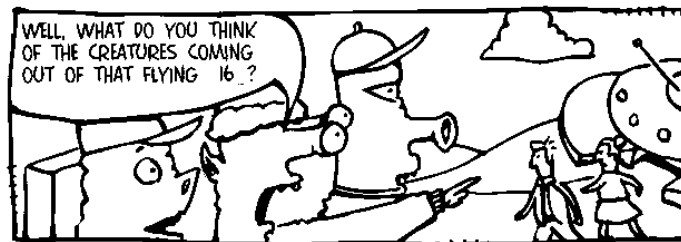
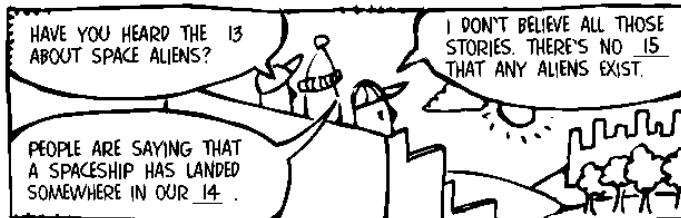
9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_

**FUN WITH WORDS** Write the Spelling Words to replace 13–16.



13. \_\_\_\_\_

14. \_\_\_\_\_

15. \_\_\_\_\_

16. \_\_\_\_\_