

## Der Diphthong [ɔ̯ɪ]

Schreibweise = *eu* & *äu*

1.	[dɔ̯ɪtʃ]	Deutsch
2.	[ʔɔ̯ɪlə]	Eule
3.	[gə'bo̯ɪdə]	Gebäude
4.	['ʃɔ̯ɪmən]	schäumen
5.	['hɔ̯ɪfɪç]	häufig
6.	['lɔ̯ɪtə]	Leute
7.	['fʰɔ̯ɪən]	freuen
8.	['bo̯ɪtl]	Beutel
9.	['mɔ̯ɪzə]	Mäuse
10.	['tɔ̯ɪʃn]	täuschen
11.	[ʔɔ̯ɪtʌ]	Euter
12.	[ʔɔ̯ɪʁʌ]	eurer
13.	[ʔɔ̯ɪgɛn]	Eugen
14.	[ʔɔ̯ɪ'ʁo:pə]	Europa
15.	[ʔɔ̯ɪka'lyptʊs]	Eukalyptus
16.	[tʰɔ̯ɪ]	treu
17.	['ʃtɔ̯ɪʌ]	Steuer
18.	['zɔ̯ɪzlɪn]	säuseln
19.	['lɔ̯ɪgnən]	leugnen
20.	[fʰɔ̯ɪnt]	Freund
21.	[brɔ̯ɪ]	Bräu
22.	[hɔ̯ɪ]	Heu
23.	['hɔ̯ɪln]	heulen
24.	['ʃɔ̯ɪmən]	schäumen
25.	['fɔ̯ɪʌ]	Feuer
26.	[ʔɔ̯ɪ'fo:ʁɪʃ]	euphorisch
27.	[ʔɔ̯ɪklaɪn]	Äuglein
28.	[gə'ʁɔ̯ɪʃ]	Geräusch

### *Definition of a Diphthong:*

A diphthong is a sound that consists of two vowels pronounced in rapid succession, one after the other. The two vowel sounds are pronounced so quickly that they are perceived as a single syllable.

### *Three Standard German Diphthongs:*

In German, there are many diphthongs, however, there are three standard diphthongs. It is easy to remember these three by memorizing the phrase: “Boy, how nice!” The sounds “oy, ow, i” are the three standard German diphthongs.

### *Notation of Diphthongs:*

Diphthongs are notated using a small hook under the subdominant vowel. The subdominant vowel is the weaker of the two vowels in the diphthong.

## Der Diphthong [aʊ]

Schreibweise = *au*

29.	[ʔaʊə]	Aue
30.	[ʔaʊx]	auch
31.	[ʔaʊstɑʊf]	Austausch
32.	[ʔaʊstʌ]	Auster
33.	[ʔaʊto]	Auto
34.	[ʔaʊs]	aus
35.	[taʊp]	taub
36.	[ˈdaʊʌ]	Dauer
37.	[pfaʊ]	Pfau
38.	[laʊt]	laut
39.	[blaʊ]	blau
40.	[ʃtχaʊx]	Strauch
41.	[ˈglaʊbə]	Glaube
42.	[ʔaʊsbɑʊ]	Ausbau
43.	[ʔaʊgə]	Auge
44.	[tsaʊn]	Zaun
45.	[laʊ]	lau
46.	[haʊx]	Hauch
47.	[ʃaʊən]	schaufen
48.	[fχaʊ]	Frau
49.	[braʊn]	braun
50.	[ˈtaʊznt]	tausend
51.	[ˈtχaʊən]	trauen
52.	[graʊ]	grau
53.	[ˈdraʊsɪ]	draußen
54.	[ˈʃχaʊbə]	Schraube
55.	[ˈplaʊdɪn]	plaudern
56.	[ˈtsaʊbɪ]	Zauber

### *Notation of Diphthongs (continued):*

Diphthongs consist of two vowel sounds, the first sound quickly glides into the second. In all diphthongs, one of the two vowel sounds is weaker than the other.

Typically, it is the second vowel sound in a diphthong that is pronounced weaker than the first, however, there are instances in German where the first vowel is pronounced weaker than the second as in *Kaution*, and *Gymnasium*.

Therefore, it is necessary to indicate which of the two vowels takes the weaker pronunciation. A small hook under the subdominant (weaker) vowel indicates the following:

1) the two vowels are pronounced as a diphthong, that is two vowel sounds within a single syllable, practically as a single sound,

and

2) the vowel under which the hook lies is pronounced as the weaker of the two vowels in the diphthong.

## Der Diphthong [aɪ]

Schreibweisen = *ei* & *ai*

57.	[ʔaɪ]	Ei
58.	[ʔaɪɡn]	eigen
59.	[ʔaɪns]	eins
60.	[ʔaɪlə]	Eile
61.	[ʔaɪnfʃχaɪbʊŋ]	Einschreibung
62.	[ʔaɪnʌ'laɪ]	einerlei
63.	[ʔaɪnvantfʃχaɪ]	einwandfrei
64.	[ʔaɪsbain]	Eisbein
65.	[ʔaɪtl]	Eitel
66.	['zaɪfə]	Seife
67.	[haɪ]	Hai
68.	['vaɪzə]	Waise
69.	['baɪtsn]	beizen
70.	[papa'gaɪ]	Papagei
71.	[ʔaɪzn]	Eisen
72.	['ftaɪgn]	steigen
73.	['laɪnən]	Leinen
74.	[raɪn]	rein
75.	['tʃχaɪbm]	treiben
76.	['tsaɪçn]	Zeichen
77.	[tsaɪt]	Zeit
78.	['kaɪzʌ]	Kaiser
79.	['baɪʌ]	Bayer
80.	[ʔa'laɪn]	allein
81.	[laɪm]	Leim
82.	[maɪn]	Main
83.	[daɪn]	dein
84.	[zaɪtə]	Saite

### *Spellings of Diphthongs:*

Be sure to keep in mind that the concept of diphthong relates to a sound and not to a spelling. However, there are specific spellings in German that indicate the sounds of the three standard diphthongs.

[ɔɪ] “oy” as in “boy”

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Both spellings are pronounced identically to each other.

[aʊ] “ow” as in “how”

German Spelling = *au*

[aɪ] “i” as in “nice”

German Spelling = *ei* & *ai*

Both spellings are pronounced identically to each other.

### *Pronunciations of German Diphthongs:*

German diphthongs are pronounced much more quickly than the equivalent English diphthongs. They are always short, even in stressed syllables.