

## Spelling list: oa words

The long /o/ sound in English is often represented with the letters *oa* , for example in *boat* , *coat* , and *road* . Click on the speaker icon next to each word hear how the long /o/ sound is pronounced.

While you will usually spot the *oa* spelling pattern in the middle of the word, it occasionally appears at the beginning too, like in the words *oak* , *oar* , and *oasis* . At the end of a word, the long /o/ sound is usually spelt with the letters *ow* .

The *spelling activities* that come with this word list will help you get to grips with words where the long /o/ sound appears in the middle of the word and is spelt with the letter combination *oa* .

coach	They went by <b>coach</b> to the beach.
soak	She had a long <b>soak</b> in the bath tub.
cloak	He wore a dark <b>cloak</b> .
croak	Frogs <b>croak</b> mostly at night.
coal	The land was mined for <b>coal</b> .
goal	Shoot for <b>goal</b> whenever you can.
foal	Anna is grooming her <b>foal</b> .
foam	This <b>foam</b> mattress is too soft for me.
loan	I need a <b>loan</b> to buy my car.
soap	This liquid <b>soap</b> smells of roses.
boast	It's bad manners to <b>boast</b> about being clever.
coast	The river flows fast to the <b>coast</b> .
roast	It's <b>roast</b> chicken for dinner.
toast	Her favourite food is beans on <b>toast</b> .
float	It's easy to <b>float</b> in very salty water.
throat	I keep sneezing and my <b>throat</b> is sore.

cockroach	There was a <b>cockroach</b> in the kitchen.
approach	The cat approached its prey very softly.
encroach	Please don't <b>encroach</b> on my space.
reproach	The boss will <b>reproach</b> him for being lazy.