

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

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