Spelling list: au - longer words

In these longer words, *au* is used to spell the /or/ sound at the start of a word. Examples include *author*, *automatic*, and *audible*. Learning this pattern will help you distinguish these words from /or/ words with different spellings. Click on the *speaker icon* to hear how the word is pronounced.

autumn The leaves turn to gold in **autumn**.

auburn Her **auburn** hair shone in the sun.

auction He sold his house at **auction**.

augment I needed to **augment** my income with a part time job.

caution They approached the dog with **caution** .

exhaust I'm exhausted after that long run.

laundry I'll sort the **laundry** into piles.

author The **author** came to a book signing at our local library.

authority I don't have the **authority** to answer your question.

authorise Please will you sign my form to **authorise** my trip?

authentic This curry is made in an **authentic** Indian method.

autograph She got the film star's **autograph**.

automatic This email has been sent by our **automatic** system.

automobile John took his **automobile** to the garage.

autopilot The captain set the aircraft to **autopilot**.

audio The **audio** speaker was turned up too loud.

audible She spoke so softly that she was barely **audible**.

audience The **audience** ignored the speaker.

audition The drummer had to **audition** to join the band.

August It was especially hot this **August** .