

## Spelling list: *au* - longer words

In these longer English words, the combination *au* is used to represent the /or/ sound at the start of a word. You can see this in examples like *author* , *automatic* , and *audible* . This particular spelling pattern helps distinguish other /or/ words with different spellings. Understanding the *au* rule is beneficial for both spelling and pronunciation, as it gives you a clearer idea of how to approach unfamiliar words. With regular practice, the *au* pattern will become a natural part of your language skills.

Click on the *speaker icon* to hear how the word is pronounced.

autumn	The leaves turn to gold in <b>autumn</b> .
auburn	Her hair was <b>auburn</b> in color (UK: colour).
auction	I'm bidding for a camera in an online <b>auction</b> .
augment	I needed to <b>augment</b> my income with a part time job.
caution	They approached the dog with <b>caution</b> .
exhaust	I'm exhausted after that long run.
laundry	I'll sort the <b>laundry</b> into piles.
author	Her aim in life was to become a great <b>author</b> .
authority	I don't have the <b>authority</b> to answer your question.
authorize	Please will you sign my form to <b>authorize</b> my trip?
authentic	This curry is made in an <b>authentic</b> Indian method.
autograph	She got the film star 's <b>autograph</b> .
automatic	This email has been sent by our <b>automatic</b> system.
automobile	John took his <b>automobile</b> to the garage.
autopilot	The captain set the aircraft to <b>autopilot</b> .
audio	The <b>audio</b> speaker was turned up too loud.
audible	She spoke so softly that she was barely <b>audible</b> .

audience	The <b>audience</b> ignored the speaker.
audition	The drummer had to <b>audition</b> to join the band.
August	It was especially hot this <b>August</b> .