

## Spelling list: oi and oy words

The letter combinations *oi* and *oy* are used to represent the same sound in different words. For example, *oil* and *coin* have the *oi* pattern, while *boy* and *joy* use *oy* .

When spelling words with *oi* or *oy* , make sure you use the correct combination:

If the /oi/ sound falls in the middle of a word, use the letters *oi* to spell it.

If the /oi/ sound falls at the end of a word, use the letters *oy* to spell it.

Be aware of exceptions, such as in *oyster* , *coyote* , and the past tense forms of verbs that end in *oy* like *enjoyed* or *deployed* .

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boil	Will you <b>boil</b> the kettle for tea?
foil	They wrapped the sandwiches in <b>foil</b> .
soil	This garden <b>soil</b> is good quality.
spoil	Please don't <b>spoil</b> the game by cheating.
toil	He began to <b>toil</b> up the hill.
coin	The <b>coin</b> featured the monarch's profile.
join	The musician had to audition to <b>join</b> the band.
loin	<b>Loin</b> of lamb is a very tender meat.
joint	Your elbow is a hinge <b>joint</b> .
void	The contract was deemed <b>void</b> .
hoist	He used a <b>hoist</b> to lift the weight.
joist	You need a new <b>joist</b> fitted above that door.
moist	This chocolate cake is very <b>moist</b> .
choice	There is a good <b>choice</b> of food in the canteen.

voice            His **voice** was very faint.

noise            Did you hear that strange **noise** ?

boy              The **boy** ate some cake.

joy              The baby has brought them great **joy** .

toy              She loved her **toy** train.