

Sound Searcher

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doughnut		furlough	
through		trough	
borough		thoughtful	
cough		wrought	

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bought **thought** **brought**

It makes the **/ou/** sound in:

plough **bough** **drought**

It makes the **/oh/** sound in:

dough **though** **although**

It makes the **/uff/** sound in:

rough **tough** **enough**

And that's not all. It can also make sounds such as **/oo/**, **/uh/**, **/off/** and even **/up/**!

Explanation and Examples

Word Scramble

Unscramble these words and match them to their meanings.

GOTH HOUR

a type of metal that can be beaten into shape

AKEBURGH THOR

a person who uses a plough

GOURTHW RION

a town in north-east England

ALPOHUGNM

a sudden and important development

HACSUBROGER

to do something completely and with care

borough

thoroughfare

thoughtless

ploughing

afterthought

Look at the spelling word, cover it up and then try to write it yourself.

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WROUGHT IRON

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