

The letter-string ough

Spellings: ough (one spelling, many sounds)

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

/ɔ:/ as in bought

1	bought	She bought a new umbrella in the sale.
2	brought	She brought a cake to the party.
3	fought	The two teams fought hard for the win.
4	nought	Ten minus ten is nought .
5	ought	You ought to wear coats.
6	thought	He thought carefully.
7	thoughtful	His card was very thoughtful .
8	thoughtless	Leaving gates open is thoughtless .

/ʌf/ as in enough

1	enough	There was just enough cake.
2	rough	The sea was very rough .
3	tough	The old boots were very tough .

/aʊ/ as in plough

1	bough	Birds rest on the bough .
2	plough	The farmer used a plough .

/əʊ/ as in though

1	dough	She kneaded the bread dough .
2	though	She smiled, though tired.

/u:/ as in through

1	through	We walked through the gate.
2	throughout	It rained throughout the day.

/ɒf/ as in cough

1	cough	The dust made him cough .
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/ə/ as in thorough

1	borough	Our borough has a park.
2	thorough	She gave a thorough clean.

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