

Oo Digraph Word List

We've split the lists into different sound categories in alphabetical order to help you locate words you might want to use with your students.

Words containing the 'long oo' sound, /oo/ (u:), as in moon:

One-syllable words with regular spelling patterns and no other digraphs:

Bloom, boo, boom, boon, boost, boot, brood, broom, coo, cool, coop, coot, drool, droop, food, fool, gloom, gloop, goo, goof, goon, groom, hoof, hoop, hoot, loo, loom, loon, loop, loot, moo, mood, moon, moot, noon, ooh, oops, poo, pool, poop, roo, roof, room, roost, root, scoop, scoot, snood, snoop, soon, spoof, spook, spool, spoon, stool, stoop, swoon, tool, toot, troop, vroom, woo, zoo, zoom.

One-syllable words with other digraphs or some irregular spelling patterns:

Booed, booth, booze, goose, loose, moose, noose, ooze, pooch, pooh, shoo, shoot, sooth, tooth.

Two or more syllable words – may contain other digraphs:

Achoo, aloof, baboon, balloon, bamboo, cartoon, cocoon, foolish, hoo-ha, igloo, kangaroo, monsoon, mushroom, noodles, racoon, shampoo, snooker, taboo, tattoo, woozy.

Words containing the 'short oo' sound, /oo/ (ʊ), as in took:

One-syllable words with regular spelling patterns and no other digraphs:

Book, brook, cook, crook, foot, good, hood, hook, look, nook, poof, rook, soot, stood, took, wood, woof, wool.

One-syllable words with other digraphs or some irregular spelling patterns:

Shook.

Two or more syllable words – may contain other digraphs:

Afoot, cooker, cookie, ebook, hoodie/hoody, hooray, outlook, wooden.



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Words where the oo digraph represents alternative sounds (see oo digraph sounds on our website):

Blood, flood, brooch.

Words where oo doesn't act as a digraph

Cooperative, zoology.

Also, words where oo is followed by the letter r as in door, floor etc. The highlighted letters act as a trigraph in these words.

Pseudo-words Containing the oo Digraph:

Bloop, Coof, Doob, Foo, Foos, Jook, Mook, Noo, Oof, Oot, Pood, Poon, Rood.

With some of these words, either of the 2 main sounds for the digraph could be an acceptable pronunciation.

See the information on our website about pseudowords. You could use some of these as practice words for a screening check or as part of a less formal assessment of a child's decoding ability. Some of the words in the list might have a real meaning in some regions, groups, or sub-cultures, but they will be unfamiliar to most children so can be used alongside genuine pseudowords.

