1 **Diphthongs**
- combinations of sounds
- result from movement from one articulatory position to another
- three sounds that exist only as sound combinations
- tongues glides from a lower to higher position in the oral cavity

2 **/a/**
- key word: kite, buy, hi
- most frequently occurring diphthong
- tongue moves from /a/ to high-front / /
- found in all positions in word
- the letters ‘i’ and ‘y’ are often used in spelling

3 **Characteristics**
- 90% mastery by 4 years
- 7th in vowel frequency
- lots of dialectical differences
- not a problem sound for non-native speakers
- the most stable of diphthongs in kids

4 **/a/**
- key word: cow, how, now
- tongue moves from /a/ to high-back / /
- found in all positions - ounce, mouth, plow
- 7 different spellings, ou and ow most common
- 90% mastery by e

5 **Characteristics**
- 13th in frequency of vowels
- not a problem for non-native speakers
- presents biggest problem for diphthongs for kids with phonological disorder

6 **/ /**
- key word: coin
- tongue glides from lower mid back to high front
- least frequent sound in American English
- most common spelling: oi - oil or oy - boy

7 **Characteristics**
- appears in all three positions: oink, boys, decoy
- mastered by 90% of kids at age 3
not a problem sound for non-native speakers

Diphthong reduction in kids that have phonological disorders

8  Transcribe

boy found down howl avoid destroy
house power out round cow