

## Same letters, different sounds

- 1 Lots of words are spelt with the letter group **-ough-**, but they can sound very different from each other.

Use the correct words to fill in the gaps.

**tough trough bough bought brought**

**through though thought thorough throughout**

- a We've just \_\_\_\_\_ a car so we don't have much money.
- b A bird hopped along the \_\_\_\_\_.
- c \_\_\_\_\_ the window I could see an enormous oak tree.
- d Well done - you've done a very \_\_\_\_\_ job.
- e There are some minor mistakes. Overall, \_\_\_\_\_, this is a very good piece of work.
- f Jade came inside because she \_\_\_\_\_ tea was ready.
- g The first exam was really \_\_\_\_\_.
- h The peaks and \_\_\_\_\_s on the graph can be clearly seen.

- 2 a) Write all of the **-ough-** words from activity 1 in the correct columns in the table below.
- b) Write at least one more **-ough-** word in columns b-g.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
/ə/ sound	/əʊ/ sound	/aʊ/ sound	/ɒf/ sound	/ɔ:/ sound	/ʌf/ sound	/u:/ sound
word rhymes with <b>borough</b>	word rhymes with <b>go</b>	word rhymes with <b>now</b>	word rhymes with <b>off</b>	word rhymes with <b>sort</b>	word rhymes with <b>stuff</b>	word rhymes with <b>too</b>

## Challenge

Look at page 135 of your *Oxford School Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Dictionary* for information on **-ough-** words.