Spelling the sound /oi/ as in oil

There are two ways of spelling the sound /oi/: oi and oy



Spelling rules for oi and oy in words of one syllable:



Use oi in the middle of a word, for example: coin, choice

Use **oy** at the end of a word, for example: **boy**, **toy**

Spelling rules for oi and oy in longer words:



Use **oi** in the middle of a syllable, for example: **avoid**, **moisture**, **poisonous**

Use **oy** at the end of a word or before a vowel: annoy, destroy, loyal, voyage



For more on this spelling rule, please see **Spellzone** Unit 16, where you will find complete spelling lesson plans, extensive word lists, practice exercises, spelling tests and spelling games for *oi/oy*.



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