

## **One Syllable Words with Vowel Sound U (tOUch)**

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The /u/ sound is spelled only two ways in the OnTrack Reading curriculum and is taught in two parts. The “u” spelling of /u/ is covered early in the Basic Code section and the “ou” spelling is left to later when it is presented as part of the /ue/, /oo/, /oul/ and /u/ complex of sounds.

The “ou” spelling of /u/ represents the fourth occurrence of the digraph “ou” in the curriculum and students come to know it as possibly representing /ow/, /oe/, /oo/ or /u/ when they encounter it in and unfamiliar word. As shown below, very few one syllable words use the “ou” spelling of the /u/ sound.

**-ou-**

**touch**

**young**