Vowel digraph Activities for au and aw

The following activities are included in this unit:

1. The story *Aw! There’s a Pain in my Jaw!*
2. An “Alli Alligator” art activity to go with the story
3. Picture clue cards to go with the sounds of /au/ and /aw/
4. Word Work: Spelling words with /au/ sound
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6. Sorting words with au/aw worksheet
7. Writing activity with au and aw words
8. Open your mouth and say “aw” art/reading activity
I found this puppet at Mardel’s for $9.99. I was looking for a puppet that would open its mouth for the “awww” sound. I made up the story *Aw! There’s a Pain in my Jaw!* to go with both the /aw/ sound and the puppet. I admit it is a little on the corny side, but the kids like it ok. 😊

We have phonics cards we go through every day and when we get to **au** and **aw** cards, the students use their hand to make an imaginary puppet and open their imaginary puppet mouth when we say /aw/.

Note: *When introducing au and aw, I teach that au usually comes at the front or middle of a word and aw comes at the end. I do show the students words that break these rules and we talk about it. (Students usually take off with this in their reading and they like to show me the rule-breaker words)*
AW!

There's a pain in my jaw!

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One evening, Alli Alligator ate a delicious steak. The next morning he awoke with an ache.
Alli said, “AW! There’s a pain in my jaw.”
Off to the dentist he had to go.
He went to see the dentist whose name was Joe.
“Open your mouth and say AW,” said Joe.

He yanked on that tooth and it finally let go.
Alli felt better and went on his way, wondering what he would eat today.
The End

Good-bye!
Alli Alligator Art:

For the body, tail, and feet

9x12 piece of green construction paper cut in half long ways. Use half for the body and half for the tail (the tail is cut in a triangle shape)

9x6 piece of green construction paper folded into fourths. Draw one alligator paw and cut out the still folded paper which gives you four alligator feet. Use white scraps to make claws.

For the head:

4.5x12 piece of green construction paper. Fold in half. Curve around the edges.

4x10 piece of white construction paper. Curve around the edges and cut triangles around the edges. Glue to the green construction paper. (see picture)

3x8 piece of red construction paper. Curve around the edges and glue to the white construction paper. (see picture)

For the eyes:

Use 2 green craft pom pom balls and glue a wiggly eye to each.
Picture clue cards to use during au/aw lesson and to hang in the classroom for kids to refer to.

- Jaw (aw)
- launch (au)
Word Work:

Directions for worksheet 1: students will spell words with aw: law, paw, saw, claw, draw, flaw, jaw, raw, thaw, straw

(Have students cut out the tiles at the bottom of the worksheet, spell the word you call out in the box using their letter tiles and then write that word on the appropriate number)

Directions for worksheet 2: students will spell words with au:

haul, haunt, fault, fraud, launch, auto, maul, author, vault, flaunt

(Have students cut out the tiles at the bottom of the worksheet, spell the word you call out in the box using their letter tiles and then write that word on the appropriate number)

On worksheet 3 students will sort words with au, aw and write them in the correct column.

On worksheet 4, students choose a word with au and a word with aw and write a sentence with each and illustrate.

Directions for “Open your mouth and say “aw” activity:

Students color/cut out the face and the inside of the mouth. Glue face onto a small brown paper sack. Cut out the inside of the mouth again. Use the cookies with the au/aw words to put inside the child’s mouth being sure to read each word.
Use the letters to spell words your teacher says.

Spell the word with your tiles, then write the word with your pencil.

1 2

3 4

5 6

7 8

9 10

p a s d r f
l w t c j h
Use the letters to spell words your teacher says.

Spell the word with your tiles, then write the word with your pencil.
Sort the words with au and aw.

au words

August
crawl
pause
claw

aw words

awful
because
paws
fraud

draw
fault
law
Choose a word with au and aw and write a sentence with each. Illustrate your sentences.

au word: __________________________________

aw word: __________________________________
Open your mouth and say “aw” activity.