## Spelling list: ow words

Say the word *out*. Can you hear a sound like the word ' *ow* ' when you say it? That's the */ou/* sound! Sometimes, this sound is written using the letters *ow*.

There are three tricks you can use to help you remember when you need to use the letters *ow* to spell the /ou/ sound.

1) Use the ow spelling pattern if the /ou/ sound is at the end of a word, for example: crow, vow, or bow.

2) Use the letters ow if the /ou/ sound falls before the letter I, for example: owl, howl, or scowl.

3) Use the  $\mathit{ow}$  letter combination if the letter  $\mathit{n}$  comes after the  $\mathit{/ou/}$  sound, for example:  $\mathit{clown}$ ,  $\mathit{frown}$ , or  $\mathit{down}$ 

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owl I heard the hoot of an **owl**.

brow He wiped his **brow**.

now I was tackled in football and **now** I have a bruise.

sow A female pig is called a **sow**.

vow Some monks make a **vow** of silence.

howl The wolf let out a great **howl**.

growl A dog might **growl** to protect its pups.

prowl That cat is on the **prowl** for a bird.

scowl The **scowl** on his face told us he was in bad mood.

brown The leaves are turning red and **brown**.

clown They hired a **clown** to entertain at the birthday party.

crown The king wears a gold **crown**.

down A tear rolled **down** my cheek.

drown He might **drown**.

frown His face crumpled into a deep, dark **frown**.

gown The bride wore a white silk **gown**.

town The bus was going to town.

crowd A **crowd** had gathered around the street performer.