## Spelling list: ow words

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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.

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3) Use the *ow* letter combination if the letter *n* comes after the */ou/* sound, for example: *clown*, *frown*, or *down* 

owl	I heard the hoot of an <b>owl</b> .
brow	He wiped his <b>brow</b> .
now	I was tackled in football and <b>now</b> I have a bruise.
SOW	A female pig is called a <b>sow</b> .
VOW	Some monks make a <b>vow</b> of silence.
howl	The wolf let out a great <b>howl</b> .
growl	A dog might growl to protect its pups.
prowl	That cat is on the <b>prowl</b> for a bird.
scowl	The <b>scowl</b> on his face told us he was in bad mood.
brown	The leaves are turning red and <b>brown</b> .
clown	They hired a <b>clown</b> to entertain at the birthday party.
crown	The king wears a gold <b>crown</b> .
down	A tear rolled <b>down</b> my cheek.
drown	He might <b>drown</b> .
frown	His face crumpled into a deep, dark <b>frown</b> .

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

town The bus was going to **town**.

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