

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 *l* , for example: *owl* , *howl* , or *scowl* .
- 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 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.