

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.