

## Ow Digraph Word List

We've split the lists into different sound categories in alphabetical order to help you locate words you might want to use with your students.

### Words containing the /ow/(əʊ) sound as in cow:

#### One-syllable words with regular spelling patterns and no other digraphs:

Bow, brow, brown, clown, cow, cowl, crowd, crown, down, downs, drown, fowl, frown, gown, growl, how, howl, jowls, now, ow, owl, plow (plough UK), pow, prowl, row, scowl, sow, town, vow, wow, yowl.

#### One-syllable words with other digraphs or some irregular spelling patterns:

Chow, dowse.

#### Two or more syllable words – may contain other digraphs:

allow, avow, bowel, bower, brownie, browsing, chowder, coward, cowboy, cower, crowded, disavow, dowdy, dowel, dower, download, dowry, drowsy, endow, eyebrow, flower, meow (miaow UK), powder, power, prowess, prowler, renown, rowdy, shower, towel, tower, trowel, vowel.

### Words containing the /oa/ (əʊ or oʊ) sound as in grow:

#### One-syllable words with regular spelling patterns and no other digraphs:

Blow, blown, bow, bowl, bowls, crow, flow, flown, glow, grow, grown, low, mow, mown, own, row, slow, snow, sow, stow, tow.

#### One-syllable words with other digraphs or some irregular spelling patterns:

Bowed, know, known, show, shown, throw.

#### Two or more syllable words – may contain other digraphs:

Aglow, arrow, bellow, below, bowling, borrow, bungalow, elbow, fellow, follow, hollow, lower, lowly, meadow, mellow, minnow, narrow, owner, pillow, rainbow, rowan, scarecrow, shadow, shallow, snowy, swallow, tomorrow, widow, willow, window, yellow.

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### Exception Word:

Knowledge.

The ow digraph in this word represents the 'short o' sound (ɒ) which is normally represented by the letter o in words like hot and fox. This is a very rare exception, and we aren't aware of any other common words with this correspondence for the ow digraph.

### Pseudo words containing the ow digraph:

Bowp, Drowg, Fowp, Gowk, Howf, Rowth, Trow, Wowp, Zowt.

See the information on our website about pseudowords. You could use some of these as practice words for a screening check or as part of a less formal assessment of a child's decoding ability.

Some of the words in the list might have a real meaning in some regions, groups or sub-cultures, but they will be unfamiliar to most children so can be used alongside genuine pseudowords.

