

## **Ow (the pinch sound)**

Ow has two sounds. The first sound is the sound you make when someone pinches you: "Ow!" It rhymes with cow. When you hear the ow sound at the end of the word, then write (ow). This can be used at the end of a root and before L, N, el, and er.

Cow how now plow vow bow pow wow allow brow  
chow cowboy eyebrow wow

**Before an L** owl fowl growl growling vowels scowl  
prowl towel vowel

**Before a N** downtown gown frown brown clown  
crown drown

**Before an er** tower power shower pow/der  
flower chowder gun/pow/der

**Ou (pinch sound used in the beginning or middle of words)** Ouch out our flour about  
pouch couch grouch pout house mouse blouse loud  
cloud proud noun proudly shout trout scout sprout  
count snout south mouth round found ground sound  
sur/round/ed

## A Mouse In the House

There is a mouse in our house. I saw it run under the couch. It is a little mouse. It's sound is not very loud. It makes a squeaky little sound. Mom does not see it yet. When she sees it, she will scream and shout out loud and scare it. I want to catch it for a pet. So how can I catch the little brown mouse? Maybe I can get mom to go outside to see the flowers. Oh no! Here comes the cat. She begins to growl and twitch her tail, and prowls around the couch. I think she smells the mouse. Mom sees the cat and begins to frown. Now she thinks something is under the couch. So she gets down to see for herself and the mouse jumps out and into her blouse. Oh my! The sound from mom's mouth is very loud as she jumps around shouting. The mouse jumps out, and runs for the open door to get outside. Mom is stomping upstairs to get a shower. I do not think mom would allow me keep a mouse for a pet now.