

Lesson 37: Ow (the pinch sound)

Phonics Focus: 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:

Ow at the end of a root:

cow	vow	allow	eye/brow
how	bow	brow	wow
now	pow	chow	
plow	wow	cow/boy	

Before an L:

owl	growl	prowl
fowl	growling	towel
vowel	scowl	trowel

Before a N:

down/town	frown	crown	drown
gown	brown	clown	

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 **out/side** to see the **flowers**. Oh no! Here comes the cat. She begins to **growl** and twitch her tail, and **prowl** 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 **out/side**. Mom is stomping upstairs to get a **shower**. I do not think mom would **allow** me keep a **mouse** for a pet **now**.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. How did the narrator know that there is a mouse in the house?
2. What did the narrator want to do with the mouse?
3. What happened when Mom looked under the couch?

PROJECT:

James 4:2 says, “ye have not, because ye ask not”. And Matthew 7:7-11 says, “⁷ “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? ¹⁰ Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! ¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.”

The child in this story really wanted a pet mouse, but he never actually asked his mother if he could have one. If he would have been honest with his mom and told her how much he wanted the mouse, he and his mom may have been able to work together to figure out a way to catch it. Even after the incident with Mom’s blouse, there was still hope. The mom loves her son and may be willing to figure something out to get the boy a pet mouse.

Psalms 37:4 says, “Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” GOD loves you very much. Your parents love you, too. Is there anything in your life that you really, really, REALLY want? Take a few moments right now to talk to GOD about it. Then go and talk to your Mom and Dad about it. They might be able to help you figure out a good way to make it happen!