

In our classroom this week, we are learning to read and spell words with the **vowel team** <u>**ow**</u>. Here are the letters and patterns to practice this week:

Consonants	b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, z y at the beginning of a word	
Vowels	a, e, i, o, u y at the end of a word	
Vowel Teams	A vowel team has 2 or more letters side by side that are pronounced as 1 vowel sound. Some vowel teams spelled with 2 letters side by side can be pronounced 2 different ways.	

Here are some examples of words with the 2 pronunciations for the vowel team *ow*:

<b>ow</b> (long o as in snow)		<b>ow</b> (/ou/ as in owl)	
blown	low	brown	howl
flow	row	COW	now
follow	show	crowd	plow
grow	shown	down	town

**Your Turn:** This week, be on the lookout for words that have the <u>vowel team ow</u>. In the table below, keep a list of pattern words that you read or write with your child.

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Use the activities and questions from the original *Family Support Letter* to further assist your child's success in learning the weekly phonics focus.