

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ow (cow)

"This story focuses on the 'ow' sound as in 'cow.' Watch for words like 'now,' 'brown,' and 'crowd' as the cow goes on a wild little adventure!"



The Brown Cow's Big Escape

A brown cow stood at the edge of the field.

"Now's my chance!" she said and ran down the path.

She hurried past the tall tower and into town.

A crowd of people stopped to watch her trot by.

"How did that cow get out?" someone asked.

The cow found a bed of flowers and lay down for a rest.

The farmer found her and laughed. "I'll allow this nap, but then it's time to head home!"

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

now

brown

down

town

crowd



Name: _____

The Brown Cow's Big Escape

1. Where did the brown cow run?

- A. Into a river
- B. Into the town
- C. Into a barn
- D. Up a mountain

2. What did the farmer say at the end?

- A. "It's time for a bath!"
- B. "I'll allow this nap, but then it's time to head home!"
- C. "Let's go for a walk!"
- D. "Where did my cow go?"

3. Fill in the blank:

The cow found a bed of _____ and lay down for a rest.

4. How do you think the cow felt after her big adventure?

5. Would you have chased the cow or just watched from the crowd? Why?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: *ow* as in "cow" (/ow/ sound)

Genre: Fiction – Animal / Humor

High-Frequency Words: *the, she, now, down, said*

Before Reading

1. This story uses "ow" words like *now, brown, down, town, crowd*, and *allow*.
 2. Have you ever seen an animal go somewhere it didn't belong?
 3. What would you do if a cow ran by you in town?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support: Sounding Out Support:** Help children tap and stretch the /ow/ sound in words like *now, brown*, and *down*.
 2. Watch for target skill words that show where the cow goes.
 3. How did the crowd react when the cow ran through town?
 4. Read the farmer's final line with a happy, understanding voice.
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After Reading

1. Retell where the brown cow went on her adventure.
 2. Why do you think the farmer allowed the cow to rest?
 3. If you could go on an adventure like the cow, where would you go?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six "ow" words in the story.
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again with a playful and excited voice, just like the cow running free!
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Activity Idea

Draw the brown cow resting on a bed of flowers with the town and tower in the background. Label parts using "ow" words like *now, brown, down, town, crowd*, or *allow*. Write one sentence about where the cow might go next.

Coaching Tip

Humorous stories bring joy and help children connect emotionally with reading—every giggle builds stronger readers!

