

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ow (snow)

"This story focuses on the 'ow' sound as in 'snow.' Watch for words like 'glow,' 'below,' and 'slow' as Toby explores something magical!"



The Glow Below the Hill

Toby saw a soft glow below the hill.

"I don't know what that is," he said.

He walked slow and careful through the grass.

As he got close, the glow began to grow!

It was a row of fireflies in a log!

Toby smiled and sat down to watch the light show.

He didn't want to throw this moment away.

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

glow

below

know

slow

show



Name: _____

Where did Toby see a glow?

1. Who shows courage by helping during tough times?

- A. In a cave
- B. Below the hill
- C. Inside his house
- D. Behind a tree

2. What caused the glow?

- A. A flashlight
- B. A lantern
- C. A row of fireflies
- D. A street light

3. Fill in the blank:

Toby smiled and sat down to watch the light _____.

4. Why did Toby move slowly down the hill?

5. What made this moment feel magical to Toby?



Coaching Guide

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

Genre: *Fiction – Nature / Discovery*

High-Frequency Words: *what, down, he, saw, don't*

Before Reading

1. This story includes "ow" words like *glow, below, slow, and show*.
 2. Have you ever seen something glowing in the dark?
 3. What do you think you might find if you explored at night?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support: Sounding Out Support:** Help children connect "ow" to the long o sound by stretching the word and pointing out the vowel team.
Example: gl-ow.
 2. Watch for target skill words that use "ow" to make the /ō/ sound.
 3. What did Toby find when he reached the glow?
 4. Read the final sentence with wonder, like Toby is amazed.
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After Reading

1. Retell what Toby saw and how he reacted.
 2. Why did he not want to throw the moment away?
 3. If you found something glowing in the night, what would you do?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six "ow" words in the story.
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again with a soft, curious voice—like you're discovering something magical with Toby.
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Activity Idea

Draw Toby watching a row of glowing fireflies in a log at night. Label parts using "ow" words like *glow, below, row, show, slow, or grow*. Write one sentence about what made this moment special.

Coaching Tip

Nature-based stories spark wonder and vocabulary—every glowing word brings joy and progress to reading.

