



Don't say "ouch" when you spell cow!

Expect **ow** at the end of a word or syllable or before **l** or **n**

howl	owl	plow
how		shower
towel	town	frown

Expect **ou** in the middle of a syllable **without l or n afterwards**

out	trout	house
loud		sprout
mouth	south	our

## Directions:

- Print out two copies of the bingo boards. The second copy can be cut up for cards to be drawn as explained below.
- In turn each player draws a word and without looking passes it to the other player to read.
- Then the first player thinks about the ou/ow generalizations and spells the word.  
After spelling the player should explain his choice of ow or ou.  
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- Finally, he lays the word down on its square. (One player places words right side up and the other player places them upside down. That way, both boards are in play at once and the player who gets a straight line first wins.) Another round can be played after clearing off the first set of words, or the game can be continued, and players could earn points for more lines. In that version the winner would be the one with the most lines of words.
- A third version could be played where a player would only be collecting words for one of the cards. This version might make a stronger point of the two generalizations. If a player got a word from the other players card he would have to hand it over!

Note: As in so many generalizations, there are exceptions. In the making of the game I have kept to the words that follow the generalizations, but in my effort to do that I found myself forgetting and in a second draft I had to remove found. Who knows why round and found and pound do not use the ow as in town and frown and gown. We'll have to check with a linguist. There's probably an explanation from the history of English.