

## High-frequency words

down

### How to teach kids to spell high-frequency words

1. Segment the word into its phonemes (sounds).

**down**

/d/ /ow/ /n/

2. Map the word showing its graphemes (spellings of the phonemes).

**d** **ow** **n**  
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3. Identify the tricky spellings in the word and show familiar words with these spellings.

**d** **ow** **n**  
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cow town

now owl

how growl

4. Ask the child to say the sounds as they write the word.

'd' 'ow' 'n' → down

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