

OW Words

This activity could be a follow up to the Snow story, which you can download from the Annie's Resource Attic web site. That story included several words containing ow, including plow, know, and throw.

This exercise explores the idea that some of these words sound like cow, and some sound like snow. And some ow words are really twins, one rhyming with snow, and one with cow!

The following pages include some props for you to use in teaching about these words. Some would be used in front of a class, and some as an off-computer activity.

Sorting OW Words-Class Activity

The following two pages include the cow and snow artwork. Print these and post them in front of the class, and then ask students to sort the words, putting all those that rhyme with cow below that picture, and those that rhyme with snow below the snowman picture. I've included some OW words to print out on the next two pages, but probably you could add many more!

Sorting OW Words-Individual Activity

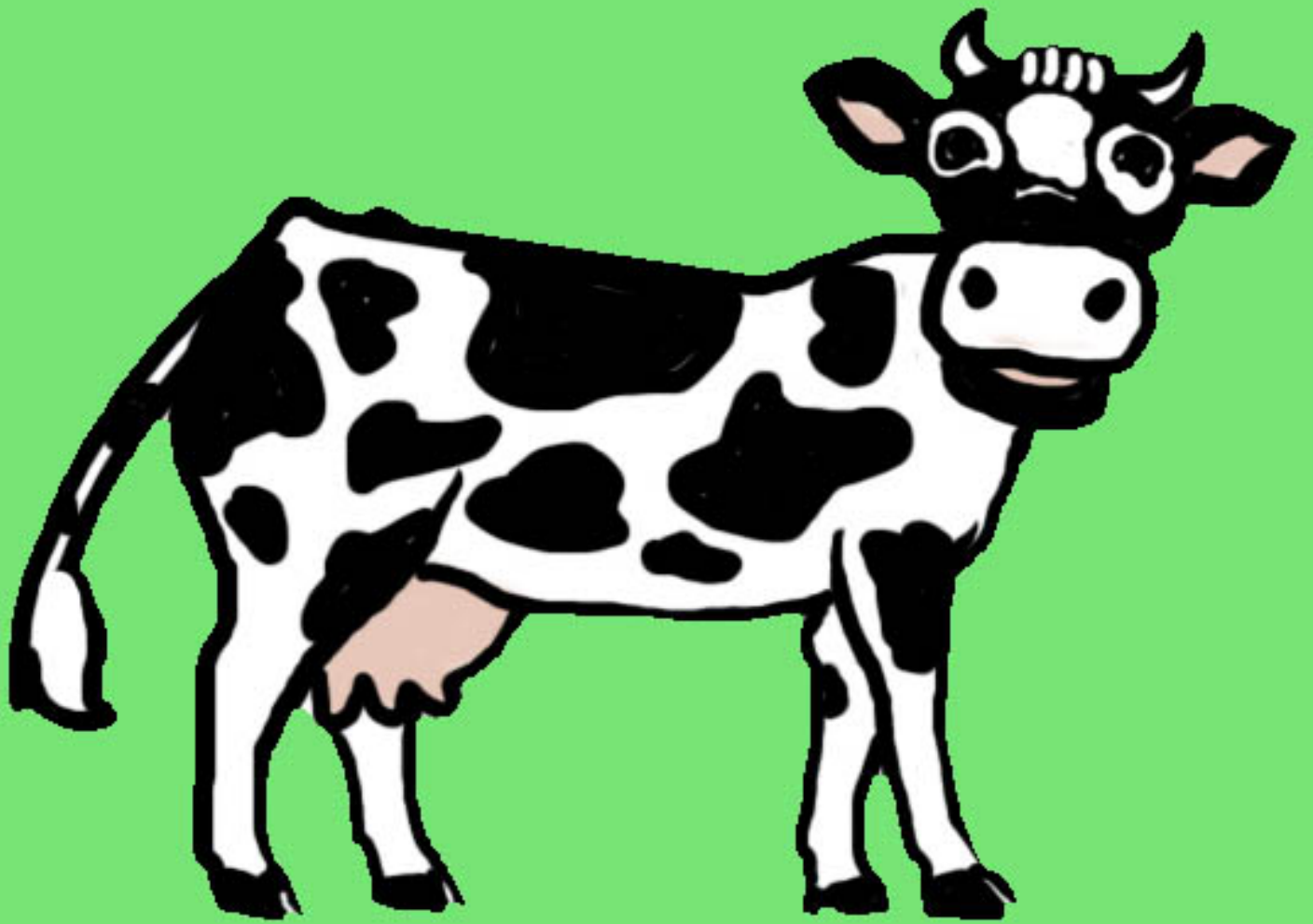
I've also set up cow and snow pages with all the ow words below the pictures. For these, students would circle the ones that rhyme on each page.

OW Twins

Finally, there is artwork to teach about the OW twins; sets of ow words that look identical but sound different and have different meanings. You might explain this confusing situation to students by comparing these words to real live twins, who look just the same but are not identical individuals.

Twins who look the same are difficult to tell apart by sight, but you might find clues by listening to what they say and observing what they do. Similarly, you cannot tell these word twins apart by the spelling, but there might be clues in the rest of the sentence as to which twin is present.

The props I've included are a cartoon set of twins, and illustrations of two sets of word twins. You might invite students to see if they can think of any more sets of ow twins!



COW



SNOW

throw

plow

now

blow

town

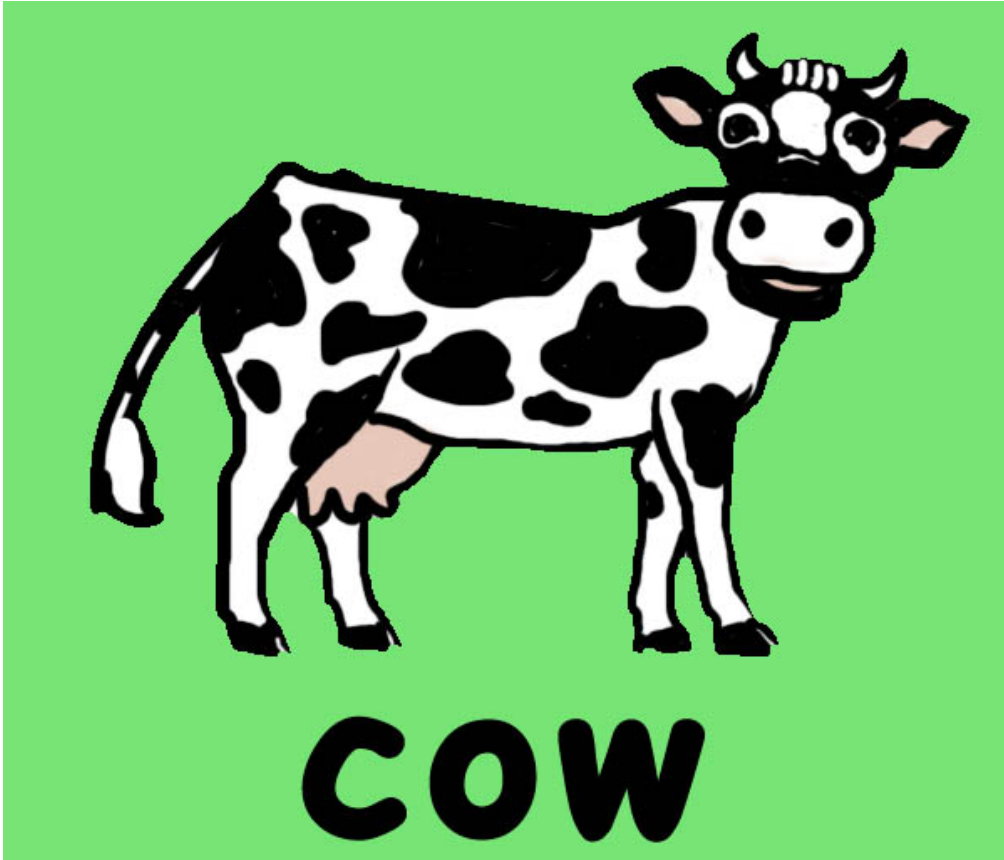
flow

brown

tow

how

slow



Circle the words that rhyme.

throw plow

now blow

town flow

brown tow

how slow



SNOW

Circle the words that rhyme.

throw plow

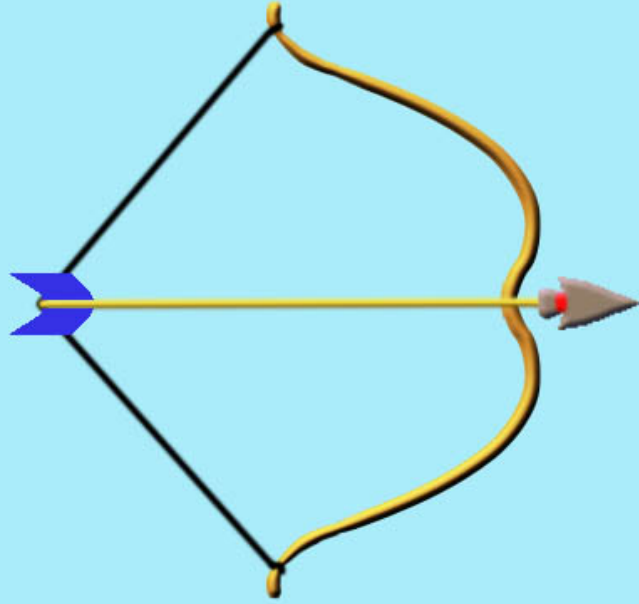
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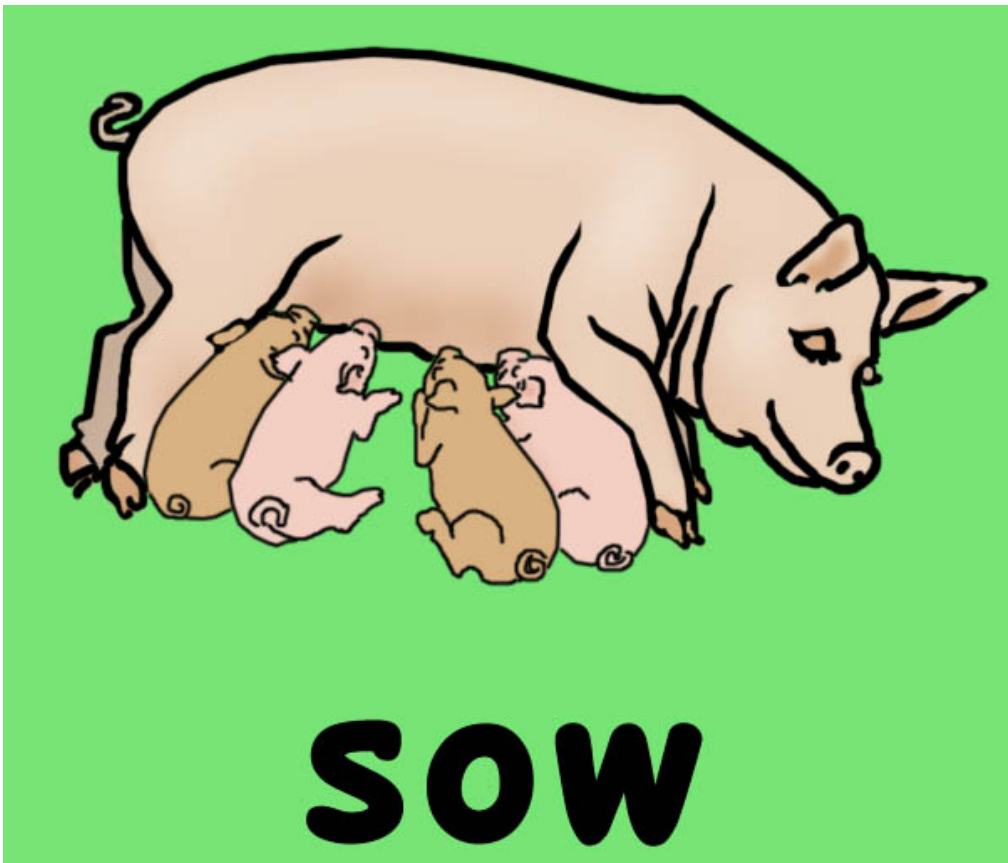




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