

How to teach kids to spell high-frequency words

- Segment the word into its phonemes (sounds).

down

/d/ /ow/ /n/

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

d ow n

- Identify the tricky spellings in the word and show familiar words with these spellings.

d ow n

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c**ow**
n**ow**
h**ow**
t**ow**n
owl
g**row**l

- Ask the student to say the sounds as she/he writes the word.

'd' 'ow' 'n' → down 