

oa • ow**/ō/** as in **boat** and **snow**

oa sits in the middle — ow usually ends the word. But listen: ow can also say /ow/ as in cow!



1 Circle the words where oa or ow says /ō/. Listen carefully! 

boat

cow

snow

coat

how

grow

road

show

now

soap

low

goat

slow

down

toad

blow

**FOR THE GROWN-UP**

oa and ow both say /ō/ — boat, snow. oa lives in the middle of words; ow usually ends them. Watch out: ow sometimes makes a different sound (cow, how) — page 1 includes a few of those on purpose, so your child learns to listen, not just letter-spot.

2 Sort the words into the right column.

Tip: oa sits in the middle; ow usually ends the word.

WORD BANK**boat****snow****coat****grow****road****show****soap****slow****goat****blow****loaf****low****oa (middle)**

ow (end)

3 Write the missing team: oa or ow?

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LIKE THIS

b oa t

sn _____

c _____ t

gr _____

r _____ d

sh _____

g _____ t

s _____ p

Say each word out loud first — then decide which team spells it.

4 Read the story.

The goat is in the boat. The boat can float.
It is slow. Snow falls on the road. Row
home, goat, row home!

Read it three times — colour a star each time.



5 Roll and read.

You'll need one die.

boat	road	goat	loaf	float	soak
snow	show	slow	own	bow	mow
coat	soap	toad	coach	toast	foam
grow	low	blow	glow	row	tow

How to play: roll the die, read one word from that column, then cross it out or colour it. **Two players?** Take turns — first to clear a column wins!

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