

## Spelling list: aw words

In these words, the spelling pattern is *aw* represents the /or/ sound, like in the words *saw* , *jaw* , and *drawl*

While there are a few other ways of spelling the /or/ sound in English, there are three common situations in which it is likely that you will need to use the *aw* spelling pattern:

- 1) At the end of a word, like in *paw* and *claw* .
- 2) Before the letter 'l' , such as in *crawl* and *shawl* .
- 3) Before the letter 'n' , for example in *lawn* and *yawn* .

Occasionally the *aw* will also appear at the start of the word, like in *awkward* or *awning* .

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| raw    | Store <b>raw</b> meat away from cooked meat.              |
| claw   | The bear's <b>claw</b> is razor sharp.                    |
| draw   | I won a thousand dollars in the <b>draw</b> .             |
| thaw   | The deep snow will take a week to <b>thaw</b> .           |
| straw  | The scarecrow was made from <b>straw</b> .                |
| hawk   | We saw the <b>hawk</b> hover over its prey.               |
| squawk | We heard the parrot <b>squawk</b> .                       |
| dawn   | <b>Dawn</b> broke over the beautiful meadow.              |
| fawn   | A young deer is called a <b>fawn</b> .                    |
| lawn   | Mow the <b>lawn</b> before it rains.                      |
| pawn   | A <b>pawn</b> is the small piece in a chess game.         |
| yawn   | Tiredness makes you <b>yawn</b> .                         |
| drawn  | A line was <b>drawn</b> from coner to corner.             |
| prawn  | We had a <b>prawn</b> cocktail at the wedding meal.       |
| spawn  | There is frog <b>spawn</b> in our garden pond.            |
| crawl  | Our son began to <b>crawl</b> at the age of eight months. |

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| trawl  | We will <b>trawl</b> the internet to find him.    |
| shawl  | Grandma will make a <b>shawl</b> for the baby.    |
| scrawl | His handwriting is just an untidy <b>scrawl</b> . |