

cow

I
[kav] *n* (*pl арх., поэт. тж. kine*)

1. *зоол.* корова (*Bos gen.*)

cow in calf - стельная корова

cow in milk [not in milk] - дойная [сухостойная] корова

2. самка слона, кита, тюленя, моржа, носорога *и т. п.*

3. *разг.*

1) неуклюжий, глупый, надоедливый человек

2) *груб.* «корова», некрасивая, толстая и неряшливая женщина; распустёха

3) *груб.* чрезмерно плодовитая женщина; ≅ вечно с пузом

4. *австрал. сл.* трудное положение, испытание (*тж. fair cow*)

5. *амер. сл.*

1) молоко; сливки

2) масло

3) говядина; мясное блюдо

6. *горн.* автоматический тормоз

◇ to make cow eyes - смотреть кротко и грустно

till the cows come home - долго, нескоро; ≅ после дождичка в четверг

curst cows have cut horns, God sends a curst cow short horns - ≅ бодливой корове бог рог не даёт

the cow knows not what her tail is worth until she has lost it - ≅ что имеем, не храним, потерявши, плачем

II

1. [kav] *n шотл.*

пугало

2. [kav] *v*

пугать, запугивать; устрашать

the child had a cowed look - у ребёнка был запуганный вид

to be cowed - испугаться; устрашиться

he refused to be cowed - он не поддался на угрозы

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cow [cow cows cowed cowing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [kaʊ] ^m *NAmE* [kaʊ] ^m

noun

1. a large animal kept on farms to produce milk or beef

• cow's milk

• a herd of dairy cows (= cows kept for their milk)

compare ↑bull, ↑calf, ↑heifer

see also ↑cattle

2. the female of the ↑elephant, ↑whale and some other large animals

compare ↑bull

3. (*slang, disapproving*) an offensiveword for a woman

• You stupid cow!

• That interfering old cow has neverliked me.

4. (*AustralE, NZE*) an unpleasant person, thing or situation

see also ↑cash cow, ↑sacred cow

Word Origin:

n. Old English cū Germanic Dutch *koe* German *Kuh* Indo-European Latin *bos* Greek *bous*

v. late 16th cent. Old Norse *kúga* 'oppress'

Example Bank:

• The region is treated as a milch cow by central government

• the sacred cow of free market economics

Idioms: ↑have a cow ▪ ↑till the cows come home

verb usually passive ~ sb

to frighten sb in order to make them obey you

Syn: ↑intimidate

• She was easily cowed by people in authority.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	cow
	BrE /kaʊ/ NAmE /kaʊ/ cows
he / she / it	cows
	BrE /kaʊz/ NAmE /kaʊz/ cowed
past simple, past participle	cowed
	BrE /kaʊd/ NAmE /kaʊd/ cowing
-ing form	cowing
	BrE /kaʊɪŋ/ NAmE /kaʊɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- He took tough action to cow the people of the breakaway region.
- He was easily cowed by people in authority.
- They were wrong if they thought she could be cowed into submission by threats.
- Two judges have refused to be cowed by pressure from the government

COW

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- I. **cow**¹ **S2** /kaʊ/ **BrE** ^m **AmE** ^m **noun** [countable]
 [Language: Old English; Origin: cu]



1. a large female animal that is kept on farms and used to produce milk or meat ⇒ **bull**
2. ^m a male or female animal of this type ⇒ **bull**:
^m a herd of cows
3. the female of some large animals, such as the [↑]elephant or the [↑]whale ⇒ **bull**
4. **British English spoken not polite** an offensiveword for a woman who you think is stupid or unpleasant
5. **have a cow** **informal** to be very angry or surprised about something
6. **till the cows come home** **informal** for a very long time, or for ever
 ⇒ [↑]cash cow, [↑]mad cow disease, [↑]sacred cow

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COLLOCATIONS**types of cow**

- **dairy cows** (=kept for their milk) He keeps a herd of dairy cows.
- **beef cows** (=kept for their meat) They are a well-known breed of beef cow.

verbs

- **milk a cow** (=get the milk from a cow) Once a day, the cows are brought in to be milked.
- **a cow moos** (=makes a long low sound) I could hear cows mooing in the barn.
- **a cow grazes** (=eats the grass) Cows were grazing peacefully in the meadows.
- **a cow calves** (=produces a calf, a young cow) At this time of year the cows are calving.

phrases

- **a herd of cows** (=a group that are together somewhere) We had to wait while a farmer brought a herd of cows across the bridge.

- II. **cow**² **BrE** ^m **AmE** ^m **verb** [transitive usually passive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

to frighten someone in order to make them do something

cow somebody into something

- The protesters had been cowed into submission by the police.

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