

## Spelling list: qu words

What words come to mind when you think of the letter *q* ? Perhaps you've seen it in words like *queen* or *quick* , but can you think of any words with the letter *q* followed by a letter other than *u* ?

Probably not! This is because, in English spelling, *q* is almost always accompanied by a *u* . Though there are exceptions, these are usually proper nouns like *Qatar* and loanwords like *qi* .

When you see the letters *qu* together in a word, they create the /kw/ sound.

How *quickly* can you spell the words in this list? Find out in *Against the Clock* . Or why not try *Bouncing Anagrams* ? You'll need to be *quick* : the balls bounce faster with every word you spell correctly!

queen	A reigning king or <b>queen</b> is a sovereign.
quick	The artist was bored so she drew a <b>quick</b> doodle.
quack	<b>Quack</b> is the sound a duck makes.
quad	A <b>quad</b> bike has four wheels.
quarter	We each had a <b>quarter</b> of the pizza.
quiet	If the baby is asleep there is peace and <b>quiet</b> .
quit	My best friend wants to <b>quit</b> her job because she is so stressed.
quest	I am on a <b>quest</b> to find the treasure.
question	Answer all the questions on your work sheet.
quiz	We'll watch that <b>quiz</b> next.
squeeze	Add a <b>squeeze</b> of fresh lime juice.
squirt	Add a small <b>squirt</b> of lemon juice to the dish.
square	There is a market in the <b>Square</b> on Sunday.
squirrel	The <b>squirrel</b> had a bushy tail.