

## Spelling list: *ique* words

In English, the *ique* ending is pronounced with a distinctive /eek/ sound. These words are commonly borrowed from French and often describe objects, qualities, or people.

Here are two examples:

*antique* – That mahogany cupboard is an antique.

*technique* – We all admired the wood-carver's technique.

Understanding the *ique* pattern can help you spell and use these unique words.

Try a *Look, Cover, Say, Write, Check* activity!

antique	That mahogany cupboard is an <b>antique</b> .
oblique	The lines were not parallel or at right angles, they were <b>oblique</b> (slanting).
technique	We all admired the wood-carver's <b>technique</b> .
unique	The tower was a <b>unique</b> construction.
boutique	I bought this dress at the new <b>boutique</b> .
clique	A <b>clique</b> is a small closed group of people .
physique	A mountain climber needs a strong <b>physique</b> .