

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