

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