

## Spelling list: *qu* and *squ* words

The /kw/ sound in English is almost always spelled *qu* . You'll notice this in words like *quick* and *quiet* . It's a simple pattern: *q* is almost always followed by *u* .

This also applies to words starting with *squ* , where the *s* sound is added before the *qu* , as in *squid* or *square* .

You can use this rule for longer words that feature the /kw/ sound, like *question* and *conquest* .

quick	Do you have time for a <b>quick</b> chat?
quite	It's <b>quite</b> a long way to walk.
quiet	It was very <b>quiet</b> in the church.
quilt	It was cold so he slept under a <b>quilt</b> .
query	I sent my <b>query</b> by email.
question	He was reluctant to answer my <b>question</b> .
squid	A <b>squid</b> has eight arms.
square	There is a fountain in the market <b>square</b> .
liquid	The medicine comes in <b>liquid</b> or tablet form.
request	I hope you won't refuse my <b>request</b> .
conquest	We are studying the <b>conquest</b> of the Aztecs by the Spanish.
require	The seller will <b>require</b> your payment by Friday.
equal	The teacher asked her students to draw a triangle with three <b>equal</b> sides.
equator	Latitude is how far North or South a place is from the Equator.
equipment	A machine operator installed the <b>equipment</b> .
inquiry	There will be an <b>inquiry</b> into the plane crash.
aquarium	There were many exotic fish in the <b>aquarium</b> .

earthquake

The **earthquake** made the ground shake.

inquisitive

An **inquisitive** child asks many questions.