

## Spelling list: *qua* and *squa* words

When you see *qu* , it often pairs with a short /a/ sound. This combination is common in words like *quality* and *quarantine* , illustrating how *qu* sets the stage for the following vowel sound. Understanding this pattern can help you spell many everyday words correctly.

Similarly, when *squ* is followed by a short /a/ , it forms words like *squat* and *squabble* . This pattern shows how the *squ* sound effectively combines with short vowels, creating a range of vocabulary that you may encounter in your reading and writing.

quality	This garden soil is good <b>quality</b> .
quantity	The truck held a large <b>quantity</b> of bricks.
quarantine	Animals from abroad must go into <b>quarantine</b> .
quarry	Stone for building is cut from a <b>quarry</b> .
quarter	We each had a <b>quarter</b> of the pizza.
quartz	<b>Quartz</b> is a hard transparent mineral.
squash	<b>Squash</b> the box flat before putting it in the bin.
squad	There are three new players in the <b>squad</b> .
squat	He lowered into a <b>squat</b> .
squalor	The house was in <b>squalor</b> .
squander	His mother worried he would <b>squander</b> his savings.
squadron	The <b>squadron</b> pilots took off together.
squabble	The brother and sister were known to <b>squabble</b> .