

Spelling list: Words ending in *que*

The letters *que* make the /k/ sound at the end of many English words, especially ones borrowed from French. You can see this in words like *unique* , *antique* , and *boutique* . It might look like a long ending, but it sounds just like /k/.

Even the word *cheque* , which is spelled differently in British English than in the US (*check*), follows the same pattern. Other examples include *plaque* and *picturesque* , where the /k/ sound is softer.

So, when you hear the /k/ sound at the end of a word that seems to have a French origin, it's likely to end with *que* !

antique	That mahogany cupboard is an antique .
unique	The tower was a unique construction.
boutique	I bought this dress at the new boutique .
picturesque	The old cottage looked very picturesque .
grotesque	He was wearing a grotesque mask.
mosque	The mosque has a dome on the roof.
plaque	A wall plaque shows where the famous explorer lived.
cheque	I'll pay for the goods by cheque .