Spelling list: wa words

Welcome to our guide on wa words, where the letter a follows w to create the short /o/ sound. These common words, from was to wand and swamp to watch, showcase this unique spelling pattern and are easy to learn with practice. Discover useful examples and tips here to help you remember and recognise wa words in everyday English.

wad He had a **wad** of notes in his wallet.

wand Harry Potter had a magic **wand** .

want All the crews wanted to win the sailing race.

was There **was** great relief at the rescue.

wash This washing machine is the latest model.

wasp Walter was stung by a wasp.

watch What is the value of this old watch?

what What are you wearing that hat for?

wander I wandered through the empty streets.

wallet He has a wallet full of \$100 bills.

warrant The police had a **warrant** to search the house.

swab Clean the cut with a **swab**.

swamp Don't fall in the muddy **swamp**.

swan The **swan** got stuck in the swamp.

swap Will you **swap** some of your cards for mine?

swat Swat that wasp before it stings me.

swallow A **swallow** was flying up above.