

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

earthquake The **earthquake** made the ground shake.

inquisitive An **inquisitive** child asks many questions.