

The /o/ sound spelt  
with 'a' after w and qu



Read these words.

What do they all have in common? Tell your friend.

want

was

wander

want These words all start with 'w' was wander

These words all have the phoneme /o/ in them.

The sound /o/ is spelt 'a' after the 'w'.

Answer

Read these words.

What do they all have in common? Tell your friend.

quantity

quality

squabble

These words all have the digraph **/qu/**.

These words all have the phoneme **/o/** in them.

The sound **/o/** is spelt **'a'** after the **'qu'**.

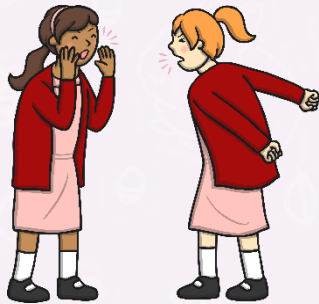
Answer

Say each of these words.

**Think about where the /o/ sound comes in each word.**

Trace the letter that makes the /o/ sound on your friend's back.

Click on the finger to see if you are right.

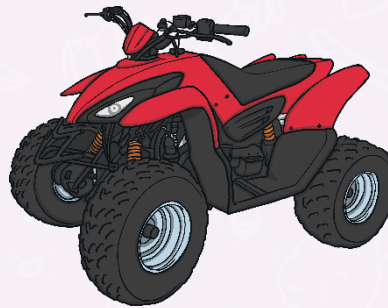


qu\_rrel



sq\_ash

w\_tch



qu\_d



Answer

Use this rule to help you to decide if these missing letters are spelt with 'o' or 'a'.

**'a' is the most common spelling for the /o/ sound after 'w' and 'qu'.**

Click on each word to see the answer.



wash



squad



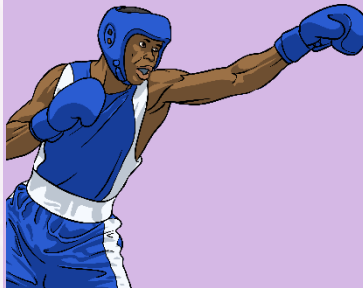
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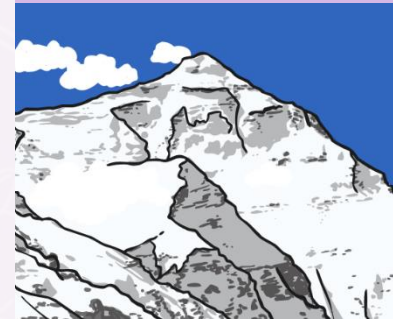
waddle



boxer



top



Choose a **'wa'** or **'qua'** word from the list to finish these sentences.

I sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ with my sisters.

We are working on the \_\_\_\_\_  
of our handwriting in year 2.

"I'm late!" cried the white rabbit as looked  
at his \_\_\_\_\_.

It is not a good idea to \_\_\_\_\_  
off on your own in a busy shop.

**wander**

**quality**

**squabble**

**watch**

Here are this week's spellings to practise.



want  
watch  
wander  
quantity  
squash

quality  
squabble  
squad  
quad  
quarrel

Work hard to learn  
them and the rule we  
have looked at today.



