

Getting the spelling right

A Choose a word from below to complete the following sentences.

unique smirk wreck

- 1 The clothes he wore were completely unique as he designed and made them himself.
- 2 The diver found some ancient gold coins when she was searching the wreck of the ship deep down on the sea bed.
- 3 He had a really smug smirk on his face when he told me that he'd eaten the last biscuit.

B Circle the words with the correct spelling.

public/publick

quic/quick

magic/magick

roc/rock

stuc/stuck

tric/trick

comic/comick

soc/sock

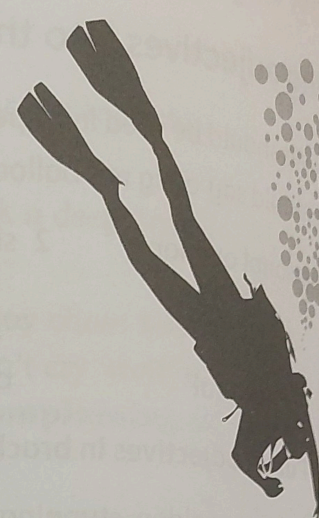
music/musick

panic/panick

C Choose five words from the list in activity B. Write sentences using your chosen words.

Example: My grandfather loves to play **tricks** on my brother and I

Students' own answers.



The /k/ sound

Spelling the /k/ sound

Some sounds are the same, but are formed by different letters. For example, the letters **ck**, **k**, **ke**, **c** and **que** at the end of words all make a /k/ sound.

- When the /k/ sound comes straight after a short vowel sound, we usually spell it **ck** as in **sack**, **peck**, **thicket** and **socket**.
- When the /k/ sound comes after another consonant, we usually use **k** as in **basket**, **silk**, **blank** or **park**.
- When the /k/ sound is in the middle of a split digraph (e.g. **a-e**, **o-e**, **i-e**), we usually use **k** as in **rake**, **snake**, **poke** or **spike**.
- Some words originally came from the French language and end with a /k/ sound made by **que**. Examples of this include **antique** or **unique**.

A Look at lines 1–5 of *Peter and the Wolf* (Part 2) again. How many different letter formations of the /k/ sound can you find?
come, twinkling, cat, frantic, duck, quacked, panic, could.

- B**
- Write five more examples of words with the spelling **ck**.
shock, attack, stuck, stick, pack.
 - Write five more examples of words with the spelling **k**.
link, blink, took, tank, walk.
 - Write five more examples of words with the spelling **k** in the middle of a split digraph.
brake, fake, spoke, choke, cake.
 - Write one more example of a word with the spelling **que**.

C Add the correct /k/ spelling to the following words.

bark attack artwork knock earthquake
 chalkk pinprick mistake hammock stick
 unique picnic comic brick lick

Stretch zone

Try to find three other words using **que** to make the /k/ sound like antique.