Week 2 Silent /u/ in gu words

guide	guitar	guard	guidebook
guest	guardian	guarantee	guess

This week you are going to be looking at the silent **/u/** in **gu** words.

The rule for these words can be a bit tricky as with lots of our words they don't rigidly follow the rules (we can blame the Romans, Vikings and Normans for invading us for that one.)

The French brought the silent /u/ over to Britain when the Normans invaded.

We need to look at another spelling rule to help us understand this one.

Sometimes when g is followed by **e**, **i**, or **y** it makes a soft g sound or /j/.

Having the **u** there stops this confusion. This rule obviously doesn't apply when **/u/** is followed by the **/a/** this is because it is normally but not always linked with **/r/** to make the **/ar/** sound.

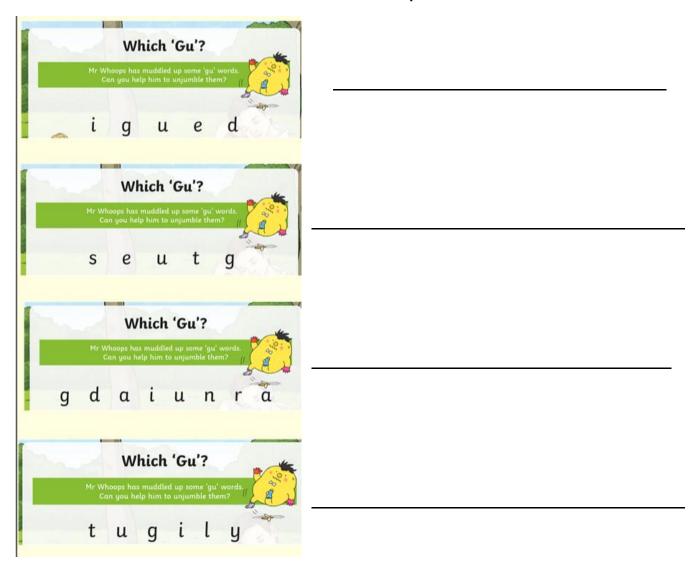
Have a look at this short clip. It also includes other silent letters.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6p4hRbPQC2w

Activity

Along with purely practising the words in all the different ways you know.

Have a go at unjumbling some of the words that Mr Whoops has muddled up.



Spelling quiz online- enjoy exploring the island. How many animals can you spot?

https://www.spellingtraining.com/games/dragon/dragon.html?&aezwy&aeyvl&aezltq&aetqwztj&aetqw&aetqtjlyy&aezwynbbp&aeyvv

'Gu' Words Cloze Procedure

Choose the correct 'gu' word to complete these sentences.

1.	I practise thee	very day because I want to be a rock sta	r when I m older.
2.	During the winter, we bring my pe	t into the kitchen to	keep him warm.
3.	Guy Fawkes was found	of treason after the Gunpowder Plot.	
4.	When year 4 visited the Natural Hithem around.	istory Museum, they had a	to show
5.	I am very excited to be a	at this party.	
6.	had never tasted a before, but I couldn't wait to try the sweet fruit.		
7.	When my brother went on a school their home.	l trip to France, he stayed with his	in
8.	At the school fair, I won the sweets in the jar because my		_was the closest.
9.	As he approached the museum, the robber noticed aentrance.		_standing by the
10.	I that I will a	always try my best in all of my lessons.	