

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&aeylvl&aezltq&aetqwztj&aetqw&aetqtjllyy&aezwynbbp&aeylvv>

'Gu' Words Cloze Procedure

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

1. I practise the _____ every day because I want to be a rock star when I'm older.
2. During the winter, we bring my pet _____ 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 History Museum, they had a _____ to show them around.
5. I am very excited to be a _____ at this party.
6. I had never tasted a _____ before, but I couldn't wait to try the sweet fruit.
7. When my brother went on a school trip to France, he stayed with his _____ in their home.
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 a _____ standing by the entrance.
10. I _____ that I will always try my best in all of my lessons.