Spelling list: qua and squa words

When you see qu, it often pairs with a short /a/s sound. This combination is common in words like quality and quarantine, illustrating how qu sets the stage for the following vowel sound. Understanding this pattern can help you spell many everyday words correctly.

Similarly, when squ is followed by a short /a/, it forms words like squat and squabble. This pattern shows how the squ sound effectively combines with short vowels, creating a range of vocabulary that you may encounter in your reading and writing.

quality This garden soil is good **quality**.

quantity The truck held a large **quantity** of bricks.

quarantine Animals from abroad must go into **quarantine**.

quarry Stone for building is cut from a **quarry**.

quarter We each had a **quarter** of the pizza.

quartz is a hard transparent mineral.

squash Squash the box flat before putting it in the bin.

squad There are three new players in the **squad**.

squat He lowered into a **squat**.

squalor The house was in **squalor**.

squander His mother worried he would **squander** his savings.

squadron The **squadron** pilots took off together.

squabble The brother and sister were known to **squabble**.