

One Syllable Words with Vowel Sound UE

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The /ue/ sound is spelled four ways in the OnTrack Reading curriculum and is taught immediately before the /oo/ sound so that students can easily be shown the extensive overlap between the spellings of the /ue/ and /oo/ sounds. Since all of the spellings below also show up as /oo/ spellings, a student should be taught to try the /ue/ sound first because it turns out that he will readily end up at the /oo/ sound where appropriate. We tend to say /oo/ when the /ue/ pronunciation is too difficult to easily articulate. The reverse is not true, however, so a student should start at /ue/ when decoding an unfamiliar word because he will usually arrive at the correct result, whether it be /ue/ or /oo/ that works in the word.

The words in the list below start with basic code consonant spellings, then progress to more complex consonant spellings. The words marked with an asterisk (*) contain consonant spellings that are not taught explicitly in the OnTrack Reading curriculum. Words with a double asterisk (**) contain very rare spellings of a sound.

-ue-

cue
hue
fuel

-u—e-

cube
mule
cure
pure
use
cute
fume
fuse
huge
sure *

-u-

used
cubed
fumed
fused
cured
cued

-ew-

few
pew