

Short o sound after qu

When a short o sound follows the letters qu it is mostly spelt a

quantity

squash

quarrel

Short o sound after w

When a short o sound follows the letter w it is mostly spelt a

was

wash

want

watch

wandered

A **q** is almost always followed by **u**
(there are very few exceptions)

queen

quote

squid

aqua

quickly

An **x** is never followed by **s**
(it is sometimes followed by a **soft c**)

next

exit

axes

extra

X followed by **soft c**: exccellent
excite except excess exceed

express

oxen

Or sound before l

ball

walk

When an or sound comes before the letter l it is mostly spelt a

small

chalk

almost

Ur sound after w

worm

worth

When an ur sound follows the letter w it is mostly spelt or

worse

world

worship