

VOWEL PAIRS *ew, ui, ue* – Week 16

There are many ways to spell the sound /oo/ in the English language.

u-e	u	oo	ew	ue	ui	eu
(rude)	(puny)	(school)	(new)	(blue)	(suit)	(feud)

The first three listed above are the most common.

The next two vowels pairs are the first choice at the end of the word though there are no rules to guide which vowel pair to use.

The last two vowel pairs are used very rarely.

ew typically found at the end of a syllable
one sound: long /oo/ as in the word new

ui typically found in the middle of a syllable
one sound: long /oo/ as in the word suit

ue typically found at the end of a syllable
one sound: long /oo/ as in the word blue