

## UE CUE ("K'YOO") FAMILY

ALL THESE UE WORDS HAVE AN "INVISIBLE Y"<sup>1</sup> BEFORE THE UE

y'OO	y'OO-z	y'OO-d	y'OO-ing		
<b>cue</b>	cues	cued	cuing		
rescue	rescues	rescued	rescuing	rescuer	rescuers
barbecue	barbecues	barbecued	barbecuing		
<b>argue</b>	argues	argued	arguing	<b>argument</b>	argumentative
<b>value</b>	values	valued	valuing	valuable	valuation
continue	continues	continued	continuing	continual	continuation

### Power Vocabulary

devalue	devalues	devalued	devaluing
discontinue	discontinues	discontinued	discontinuing
imbue	imbues	imbued	imbuing
<b>queue</b>	queues	queued	queuing
miscue	miscues	miscued	miscuing

### More Power Vocabulary

venue	<b>hue</b>	ague	curlicue
<b>Hugh</b>	<b>Hughes</b>	(AN "INSANE" SPELLING) revue	

THE LETTER T IN THESE WORDS IS PRONOUNCED AS A "CH"

<b>ch'oo</b>	<b>ch'oo-z</b>	
<b>statue</b>	<b>statues</b>	statuesque
virtue	virtues	virtuous

THE LETTERS SS IN THESE WORDS ARE PRONOUNCED AS AN "SH"

<b>sh'oo</b>	<b>sh'oo-z</b>	<b>sh'oo-d</b>	<b>sh'oo ing</b>	
<b>issue</b>	<b>issues</b>	issued	issuing	issuance
reissue	reissues	reissued	reissuing	
tissue	tissues			

**Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00:** argue 9.25, value 6.05, statue 9.35, statues 17.10, issue 11.25, issues 13.05

**Spelling Demons:** argue argument

**Homophones:** Q/cue/queue hue/Hugh/hew hues/Hughes/Hugh's/hews

**Related Families:** O GO p. 308, OE TOE p. 309, OW GROW p. 310, OWE LOWE p. 311, OUGH DOUGH p. 311, O DO p. 312, OO BOO p. 312, OE SHOE p. 313, OUGH THROUGH p. 313, U FLU p. 313, UE BLUE p. 314

**FANCY FAMILIES:** EAU BEAU, AU GAUCHE -- p. 949

<sup>1</sup>See *The Case of the Invisible Y (or Why is there a y in you and not in union, Eunice, and euchre?)* by Don McCabe. AVKO Great Idea Reprint Series #619.

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ue (y'oo)<sup>1</sup> rhymes with the -o (to), -oo (too), ew (blew) and -ou (you) rimes.

cue	My aunt has her own pool cue. She can really play pool.
rescue	Why would a fireman rescue a cat that climbed up a tree?
rescues	Every year the coast guard rescues stranded ice fishermen.
rescued	The firefighter who rescued my father was my sister!
barbecued	My friend Barbie barbecued some ribs. They were awful.
barbecuing	Barbecuing ribs is my specialty. Barbie's is barbecuing chicken.
barbecue	I love going to a barbecue at the Bar-B-Q ranch.
argue	It doesn't pay to argue. Win an argument and lose a friend.
argues	My friend Dan argues on both sides of any argument.
arguing	Dan is always arguing. You can't win an argument from him.
value	It isn't always easy to teach people the value of money.
values	It seems that everybody's values are not the same.
valued	I have always valued your friendship.
continue	I will continue to argue that personal values are important.
continues	Hugh continues to argue even after everybody has left.
continued	Hugh's arguing continued all through the night.
continuing	Why he keeps continuing to argue is beyond me.
queue	A <b>queue</b> is not a <b>cue</b> or a <b>Q</b> , it's a line you stand and wait in.
queues	The Chinese style pony tails for men are also called <b>queues</b> .

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tue (choo) rhymes with the -o (to), -oo (too), ue (blue) and -ou (you) rimes.

statue	Why are you standing like a <b>statue</b> ? You can't a <b>stat chew</b> !
statues	The cows were all standing like statues in Oklahoma!
virtues	Did <b>Vir choose</b> to name all the <b>virtues</b> ?
virtue	Honesty is a virtue. Pride is a vice.
virtual	Are you acquainted with virtual reality?

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ssue (shoo) rhymes with the -o (to), -oo (too), ew (blew) and -ou (you) rimes.

issue	Please don't make a big issue out of this.
issues	Do you have any back issues of The Readers Digest?
issued	They issued me a new license for my car after it was stolen.
issuing	How many new gun permits are they issuing every day?
reissuing	The reissuing of the building permits was held up.
reissue	Why should you have to reissue anything?
tissue	When my baby sister says, "wanna tissue" she wants to kiss you.
tissues	I go through a box of tissues each time I catch cold.

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<sup>1</sup>All these words have an "invisible" y before the letters ue. See "The Case of the Invisible Y or Why is there a Y in You but Not in Union?" *Great Idea Reprint Series*, p. 206. Clio, Mich.: AVKO Foundation, 1995.