Words with w or /w/ Sound before a Vowel

The letter w before the vowels a and o changes the vowel sound so that it is neither long nor short.

wa  war  wor
water  warning  worse
watch  warmth  worker
waffle  warrior  worthy
swallow  swarm  worry

Other letters before the vowel a also affect the vowel sound.

wa  war
squabble  quarrel
squat