

Silent letters

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letters you write but do not hear

Read the word, the sentence, then the word again.

kn silent k

1	knew	She knew the way to school.
2	knife	We use a knife and fork to eat.
3	knit	Gran likes to knit socks.
4	knob	He turned the knob to open the door.
5	knot	She tied a knot in the rope.
6	knowledge	Books gave him knowledge .
7	knuckle	He tapped the door with his knuckle .

gn silent g

1	campaign	They led a litter campaign .
2	design	He drew a kite design .
3	foreign	We learned foreign words.
4	gnash	The dragon began to gnash .
5	reign	The queen's reign was long.
6	resign	The captain chose to resign .
7	sign	Read the road sign .

wr silent w

1	wreck	The ship was a wreck .
2	wren	A tiny wren sang.
3	wrench	He used a metal wrench .
4	wretched	The wretched weather spoiled it.

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mb silent b

1	comb	He used a comb to tidy his hair.
2	crumb	A tiny bread crumb fell.
3	dumb	She was struck dumb with amazement.
4	lamb	The little lamb followed mother.
5	limb	A squirrel climbed the limb .
6	numb	My fingers went numb .
7	thumb	He pricked his thumb .

mn silent n

1	autumn	The leaves turn golden in autumn .
2	column	The numbers formed a column .
3	solemn	The choir sang solemn hymns.

bt silent b

1	debt	He paid off his debt .
2	doubt	There is no doubt now.

gh silent gh

1	fight	We had a friendly pillow fight .
2	frightening	The storm was a little frightening .
3	lights	The Christmas lights twinkled.
4	might	It might rain later.
5	sight	The sea was a lovely sight .

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6	tight	The lid was screwed on tight .
7	tonight	We will see the stars tonight .

rh silent h

1	rhyme	Cat and hat rhyme .
2	rhythm	We clapped to the rhythm .

wh silent w

1	whom	To whom did you speak?
2	whose	Whose coat is this?

h silent h

1	honour	It was an honour .
2	oh	Oh , I have left my coat at home.

al, ol silent l

1	almond	I ate an almond nut.
2	balm	She put balm on burns.
3	beanstalk	Jack climbed the giant beanstalk .
4	calf	The cow licked her newborn calf .
5	calm	The sea was flat and calm .
6	folk	We sang a folk song.
7	palm	He held the coin in his palm .

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st, ft silent t

1	bristle	Each brush bristle was stiff.
2	bustle	There was a market bustle .
3	castle	We explored the ruined castle .
4	glisten	The dewdrops glisten brightly.
5	jostle	Do not jostle in queues.
6	listen	Please listen to the story.
7	often	It often rains in April.
8	rustle	We heard the leaves rustle .
9	thistle	A prickly thistle grew.
10	whistle	The referee blew the whistle .

is, ais silent s

1	aisle	She walked down the aisle of the shop.
2	island	We sailed to an island .
3	isle	We sailed to the isle .

sw silent w

1	answer	She knew the right answer .
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