

Silent letters from A to Z list in the English language PDF

A to Z of silent letters list

What are silent letters?

Silent letters are letters that we can hear when certain words are spoken.

Why are there silent letters?

There are silent letters a few English words because over centuries we have changed how we pronounce these words, while keeping the old spelling.



Silent letters from A to Z list

(When talking fast, the t is very lightly pronounced in words like Christmas, mountain and little)

A - artistically, logically, musically, romantically, stoically

B - comb, climb, debt, plumber, tomb, subtle, dumb, bomb, doubt, , numb, subpoena, thumb, womb.

C - acquire, acquit, blackguard, connecticut, czar, muscle, scissors, victual

CH - yacht

D - handkerchief, Wednesday Wednesday (commonly said Wens-day)

E - plaque. vegetable (veg'tab'l), bridge, clothes. When on the end of a word, it changes the pronunciation of the word, but the -e is silent.

F - halfpenny

G - align, alight, champagne, diaphragm, gnash, gnaw, high, light, reign, though

GH - right, drought, eight, weigh, etc.

H - choir, exchast, hour, honour, honest, herb, rhyme, rhythm, thyme, Thailand

I - business, parliament

J - NONE

K - blackguard.

KN - words, the k is silent: know, knot, knee, knife, knight, knock.

L - calm, folk, salmon, talk, walk, could, should, would, folk, half, calf.

M - mnemonic.

N - autumn, chimney, column, damn, damn, government, solemn.

O - colonel, sophomore, opossum

P - corps, coup, cupboard, pneumonia, psalm, raspberry, receipt, coup

Q - (NONE)

R - butter, finger, surprise

S - aisle, island, debris, isle, patios, viscount.

T - beret, Chevrolet, depot, listen, whistle, wrestle, trestle, mortgage, apostle

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TH - asthma, isthmus, north, Easter

W - who, whole, write, wrong, two, sword, wrist, answer

X - faux

Y - (NONE)

Z - rendezvous

9 - sign, gnat, gnu, foreign

Silent H	Silent T	Silent K	Silent B
wh <u>h</u> at	wi <u>t</u> ch	<u>k</u> nife	lamb <u>b</u>
wh <u>h</u> en	fast <u>t</u> en	<u>k</u> nee	thumb <u>b</u>
wh <u>h</u> y	cast <u>t</u> le	<u>k</u> not	num <u>b</u>
wh <u>h</u> ich	wat <u>t</u> ch	<u>k</u> nitting	crumb <u>b</u>
wh <u>h</u> ether	but <u>t</u> cher	<u>k</u> now	climb <u>b</u> ing
gh <u>h</u> ost	scrat <u>t</u> ch	<u>k</u> nob	bomb <u>b</u>
<u>h</u> onest	list <u>t</u> en	<u>k</u> nock	comb <u>b</u>
<u>h</u> our	mat <u>t</u> ch	<u>k</u> nickers	doub <u>t</u>
wh <u>h</u> ile	Christ <u>t</u> mas	<u>k</u> nuckle	plumb <u>er</u>
wh <u>h</u> ite	mortgag <u>e</u>	<u>k</u> night	lim <u>b</u>
wh <u>h</u> ere	soft <u>t</u> en	<u>k</u> nack	debt
rh <u>h</u> ythm	oft <u>t</u> en	<u>k</u> new	tomb <u>b</u>

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Autumn <u>n</u>	edg <u>e</u>	gnom <u>e</u>	gu <u>e</u> st
dam <u>n</u>	hedg <u>e</u>	gnarl	gu <u>e</u> ss
hym <u>n</u>	Wed <u>ne</u> sday	sign	guit <u>ar</u>
column <u>n</u>	hand <u>s</u> ome	resign	gu <u>ar</u> d
	hand <u>ker</u> chief	design	bu <u>il</u> ding
	badg <u>e</u>	foreign <u>er</u>	gu <u>il</u> ty
	wedg <u>e</u>		rog <u>ue</u>
	vog <u>ue</u>		
			biscuit
			tong <u>ue</u>

Silent L	Silent W
al <u>l</u> mond	w <u>re</u> n
pal <u>l</u> m	w <u>ro</u> te
yol <u>l</u> k	w <u>re</u> stling
cal <u>l</u> m	w <u>ri</u> gle
sal <u>l</u> mon	w <u>ri</u> nkle
cal <u>l</u> f	s <u>w</u> ord
hal <u>l</u> f	w <u>ho</u> le
chal <u>l</u> k	w <u>re</u> ck
tal <u>l</u> k	t <u>w</u> o
wal <u>l</u> k	w <u>ra</u> p
fol <u>l</u> k	w <u>ro</u> ng
	w <u>ri</u> st
	w <u>ri</u> ting

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	hand <u>d</u> kerchief	desi <u>g</u> n	bu <u>u</u> ilding
	bad <u>d</u> ge	forei <u>g</u> ner	gu <u>u</u> ilty
	wed <u>d</u> ge		rogu <u>u</u> e
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