



Silent Letters

Silent letters are letters that are not pronounced in an English word. Below, you can see the most common silent letters rules, but please note there are still additional words with silent letters that don't follow these guidelines and plenty of exceptions too!

A is silent when the word ends in LLY (basically).	B is silent when MB is at the end (thumb) and when the word ends in BT (debt).	C is sometimes silent when it is next to S (muscle). It is not pronounced next to another /k/ sound (block) and can often merge to a /tʃ/ sound (witch).
D is sometimes silent next to N (handsome) and can often merge to a /tʃ/ sound (fudge).	E is silent as the last letter (love) and words ending in ED have a special pronunciation (kissed).	G is silent next to an N at the beginning or end (sign) and sometimes as GH (high).
H is silent sometimes with G (ghost), with R (rhino) and W (when). Some words start with silent H too (hour).	K is silent at the start with N (know).	L is silent with A, O or L in the middle (yolk).
M is silent with N at the start (mnemonic).	N is silent with M at the end (autumn).	P is silent as PS, PN or PT at the start (psychology). Sometimes it merges to /f/ with P (phone).
T is silent at the end with STLE (castle) or STEN (listen) and with French words (ballet).	U is silent with G and followed by a vowel (guitar).	W is silent with WR at the start (write) and with WH + O at the start (who).
X is silent in faux .	Z is silent in rendezvous	

Irregular words: yacht, Wednesday, receipt, coup, aisle, island, debris, asthma, Christmas, mortgage, often, biscuit, circuit, build, answer, sword, two.