



Silent Letters Interactive Worksheet **Answers**

Fill in this worksheet at the same time as watching the video on silent letters in English. Use the answer guide to check your answers.

Write the rule for each word in the space provided in the table.

Words	Rule
basically critically physically	Words ending in LLY have a silent A.
lamb thumb comb plumber remember embarrass	Words ending in MB have a silent B. The B is not silent if it's in the middle of the word.
debt doubt subtle	Words with BT have a silent B.
muscle scissors science	Words with SC have a silent C, but not all words with SC (for example - school).
acquire block	When there are two /k/ sounds next to each other, we only pronounce one.
church witch	The letters CH often merge to create a /tʃ/ sound.
yacht	This is an irregular word.
handsome handkerchief sandwich	Words with ND have a silent D.

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fudge bridge	The letters DG often merge to create a /tʃ/ sound.
Wednesday	This is an irregular word.
love hate face	E is silent when it is at the end of a word.
kissed watched cleaned	Words ending in ED follow a very specific pronunciation.
foreign sign gnome magnet signature champagne cologne	Words with GN have a silent G at the beginning or end of the word. In the middle of the word, the G is normally pronounced unless it is a non-English word.
high light daughter laugh cough enough ghost gherkin	Words with GH can follow three different rules; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The G is silent - The G and H merge to create an /f/ sound - The H is silent
chemistry Christmas echo	Words with CH have a silent H
rhythm rhino	Words with RH have a silent H
when where what	Words with WH have a silent H unless the following letter is an O, in which case the W is silent instead.
hour honest heir	Some words starting with H are silent, but the majority have a pronounced /h/ sound.
know knife knee	Words starting with KN have a silent K.

Words	Rule
salmon yolk should metal old ultimate sold bulk halo	Words that have AL, OL or UL in the middle of the words have a silent L. If this is at the beginning or end of the word, the L is pronounced. There are some irregular words too.
mnemonic	Words starting with MN have a silent M.
autumn column hymn	Words ending in MN have a silent N.
psychology pneumonia pterodactyl cups hypnotherapy helicopter	Words starting with PS, PN or PT have a silent T. If this is in the middle of the word, the T is pronounced.
receipt coup	The P is silent in these irregular words.
phone pheasant	Sometimes the letters PH merge to create an /f/ sound.
aisle island debris	There are some random words that have a silent S. All formations of these words also have a silent S.
castle thistle whistle	Words ending in STLE have a silent T.
listen moisten fasten	Words ending in STEN have a silent T.
ballet beret rapport	French words ending in T have a silent T.

Words	Rule
asthma Christmas mortgage often	These are random words that have a silent T.
guitar guard guide tongue catalogue fatigue	Words with GU and are then followed by a vowel have a silent U. This could be in any position in the word.
biscuit circuit build	These are random words that have a silent U.
write wrong wrist	Words starting with WR have a silent W.
who whole	Words starting with WH and are followed by O have a silent W.
answer sword two	These are random words that have a silent W.
faux	This word has a silent X.
rendezvous	This word has a silent Z.