

Silent Letters in English

Practice Worksheet

Part 1: Circle the Silent Letters

Circle all silent letters in the following words:

1. knowledge
2. autumn
3. salmon
4. thumb
5. castle
6. wrapper
7. knife
8. receipt
9. wrinkle
10. Whistle

Part 2: Word Pairs

Match the words that have the same pronunciation, despite different spellings:

1. write _____
2. right _____
3. wrap _____
4. knight _____
5. sight _____

- a) night
- b) rap
- c) rite
- d) cite
- e) site

Part 3: Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct spelling for each word (remember the silent letters!):

1. The _____ (nite/night) was cold and dark.
2. I need to _____ (rite/write) a letter.
3. The _____ (lamb/lam) was sleeping.
4. She tied a _____ (not/knot) in the rope.
5. Can you _____ (listen/lisen) to this song?

Part 4: Word Creation

Add silent letters to these phonetic spellings to create correct English words:

1. rit → _____
2. nam → _____
3. thum → _____
4. cham → _____
5. wisle → _____

Part 5: Sentence Correction

These sentences have words spelled as they sound. Rewrite them with the correct spelling:

1. The nife fell on the flor.

2. I rong the bell and nocked on the dor.

3. The rite way to go is thru the gate.

4. He climed the mounten in the autum.

5. The sine said “No noledge, no power.”

Part 6: Silent Letter Categories

Group these words by their silent letter pattern:

knight	wrap	comb	autumn	whistle
climb	write	lamb	listen	wrong

Silent K: _____

Silent W: _____

Silent B: _____

Silent T: _____

Silent N: _____

Part 7: Create Your Own!

Write three sentences using at least two words with silent letters in each:

Bonus Challenge!

Create a tongue twister using at least three words with silent letters:

Answer Key (For Teachers)

Part 1:

1. kn(owledge)
2. n(autumn)
3. k(nife)
4. l(salmon)
5. b(thumb)
6. t(castle)
7. w(rapper)
8. p(receipt)
9. w(rinkle)
10. t(whistle)

Part 2:

1. c (rite)
2. d (cite)
3. b (rap)
4. a (night)
5. e (site)

Part 3:

1. night
2. write
3. lamb
4. knot
5. listen

Part 4:

1. writ/write
2. name
3. thumb
4. charm
5. whistle

Part 5:

1. The knife fell on the floor.
2. I wrung the bell and knocked on the door.
3. The right way to go is through the gate.
4. He climbed the mountain in the autumn.
5. The sign said “No knowledge, no power.”

Part 6:

Silent K: knight

Silent W: wrap, write, wrong

Silent B: comb, climb, lamb

Silent T: whistle, listen

Silent N: autumn