

Silent Letters

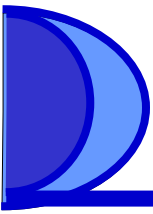
Write the word for each picture in the gaps below them – each word contains a silent consonant.



Let's Learn!

- Written English contains **consonant spellings that are never pronounced**.
- Consonants [**b, h, k, l, n, p, s, t, & w**] can be silent in speech.

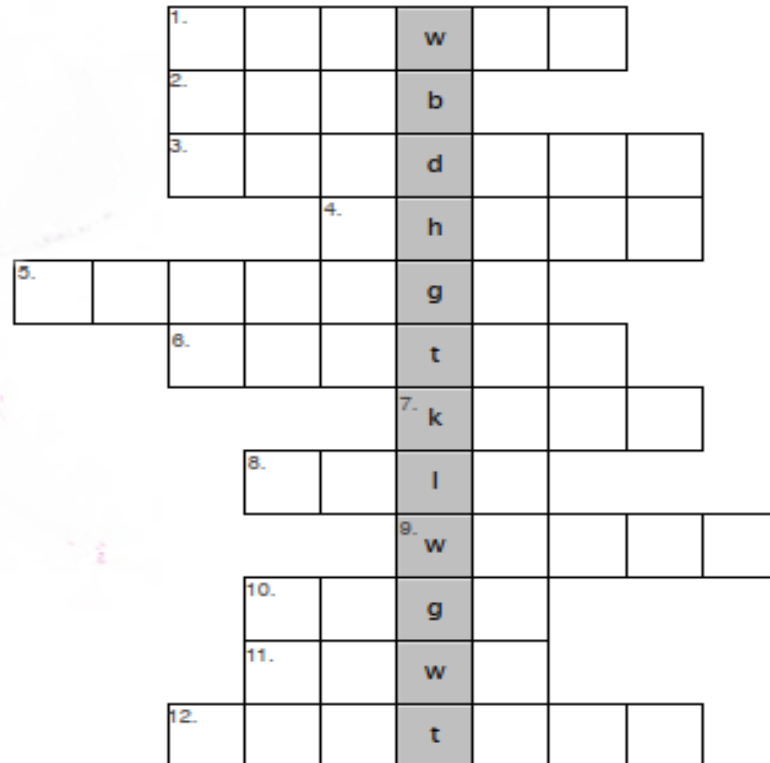
Silent Letter	Examples
b	debt, doubt, subtle, lamb, climb, numb, plumber, comb, thumb
h	honour, heir, hour, exhibit, exhaust, Thames
k	knee, know, knot, knife, knight
l	walk, talk, calf, half, chalk, yolk, calm, palm, salmon
n	column, autumn, condemn, damn, hymn
p	psychology, pneumonia, cupboard, receipt, pseudo, Psalm
s	island, aisle, isle, debris
t	often, fasten, soften, listen, gourmet, mortgage, ballet
w	whole, who, sword, write, wrist, answer



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Let's Try!

Directions: Using the clues at the bottom of the page, fill in the crossword below. The grey letter in the middle contains a silent letter in each case.



CLUES

1. The response to a question
2. An ability to speak
3. A woman's accessory, worn on the shoulder and where day-to-day things are kept
4. The form of a dead person in an apparition
5. Adjective; originating from a different country or place.
6. The act of hearing something intently
7. Verb; to use wool to create a garment using needles
8. The yellow part of an egg
9. Incorrect, the opposite of right
10. An object or behaviour indicating information
11. The first light before sunrise in the morning.
12. The worker who delivers mail