

Word Wheel 2: an empty letter changes another letter

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- Word Wheel 2 includes all common, monosyllabic words of English that contain an empty letter that changes the pronunciation of another sound
- these words are otherwise regular; see Word Wheel 1 for irregular words (with or without empty letters)
- note that **K**NIGHT and **P**SALM have a 2nd empty letter that does not have any effect
- based on Parts 1-5 of **Up the Ladder**

Left Side (top to bottom):

- (1) an **empty B** gives rise to a long I or O [cf. CLIFF and COMP]
- (2) an **empty G** gives rise to a long I [cf. SIN]
- (3) an **empty GH** gives rise to a long I [cf. LIT/SLIT] or changes the pronunciation of OU [cf. OUT/BOU]

Right Side (top to bottom):

- (1) an **empty L** changes the pronunciation of the A or O
- (2) an **empty U** forces a 'hard' G — without the U we would expect the 'soft' G ('J')

