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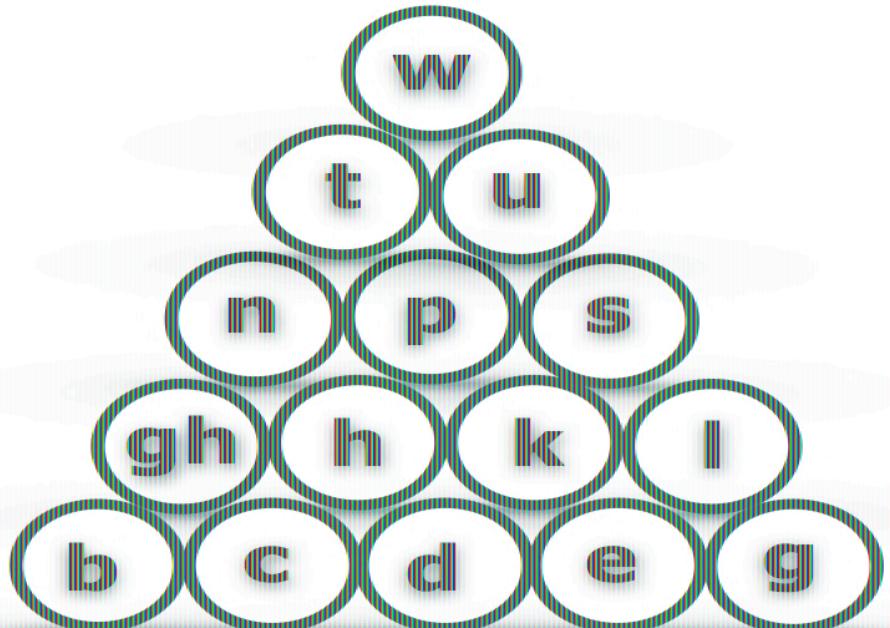
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# The Sounds of English

## Basic English pronunciation

*-Silent Letters-*

*Part 1*



# The Sounds of English

## Silent Letters



**B** is silent after **M** at the end of a word

**B** is silent before **T** at the end of a word

**thumb**



**crumb**



**comb**



**doubt**



**debt**



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## Silent Letters



**C** is silent with **SC** combinations

**scissors**



**muscle**



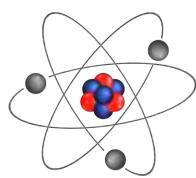
**fascinating**



**scent**



**science**



**ascend**



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## Silent Letters



**D is silent in DG combination**

**D is silent in some common words**

**edge**



**badge**



**bridge**



**handsome**



**Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday**

**Thursday  
Friday**

**handkerchief**



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## Silent Letters



**The E at the end of a word makes the vowel sound long**

**The E makes the g soft**

kite



gate



bone



wage



stage



rage



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**G is silent before an N**

**foreign**



**champaign**



**cognac**



**sign**



**align**



**campaign**



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**GH is silent after au and after a vowel**

**GH has an “f” sound in some words**

**weight**



**light**



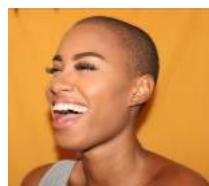
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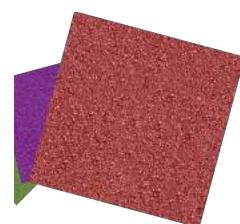
**daughter**



**laugh**



**rough**



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## Silent Letters



No rules. Learn the words : )

chemistry



school



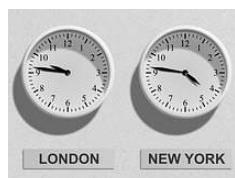
exhaust



choir



hour



vehicle



# The Sounds of English

## Silent Letters



**Words with 'kn' have a silent 'k'**

**knob**



**knowledge**



**knife**



**knead**



**knee**



**knock**





## Summary



**b**

is silent before **T** at the end of a word  
is silent after **M** at the end of a



**c**

is silent with **SC** combination



**d**

is silent in **DG**  
is silent in some common words



**e**

at the end of a word makes the vowel sound long  
makes the **g** soft



**g**

is silent before an **N**



**gh**

is silent after **au** and after a vowel  
has an “f” sound in some common words



**h**

**No rules. Learn the words : )**



**k**

Words with ‘kn’ have a silent ‘k’