

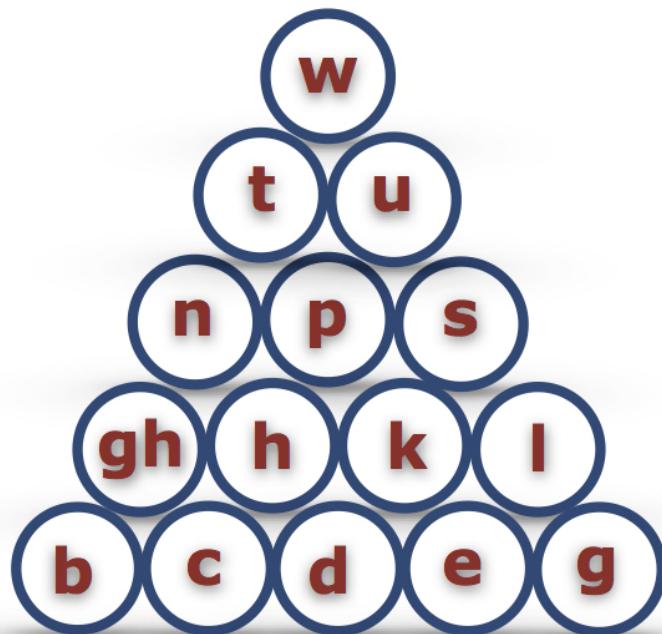


The Sounds of English

Basic English pronunciation

-Silent Letters-

Part 2



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Silent Letters



L is not pronounced after the vowels **A, O and U**

talk



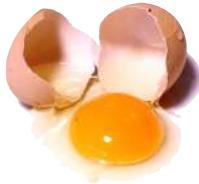
salmon



shouldn't



yolk



calf



folk



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N is not pronounced after “m” at the end of a word

autumn



lymn



column



hymn



solemn



condemn



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P is silent when a word begins with **ps** or **pn**

P is sometimes silent in the middle of a word

psychic



pneumonia



psychedelic



psychology



cupboard



raspberry



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S is silent before L in some words

S is silent in some common words

island



aisle



Illinois



Arkansas



debris



bourgeoi



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T is silent in some common words

castle



gourmet



listen



ballet



rapport



whistle

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U is silent when it comes before a **vowel**

U is silent when it comes after **G**

baguette



guard



tongue



colleague



circuit



guide



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W is silent before R at the end of a word

write



wrestle



who



answer



sword



two





Summary



L

is not pronounced after the vowels A, O and U



n

is not pronounced after “m” at the end of a word



p

is silent when a word begins with ps or pn
is sometimes silent in the middle of a word



s

is silent in some common words



t

is silent in some common words



u

is silent when it comes after G
is silent when it comes before a vowel



w

is silent before R at the end of a word