

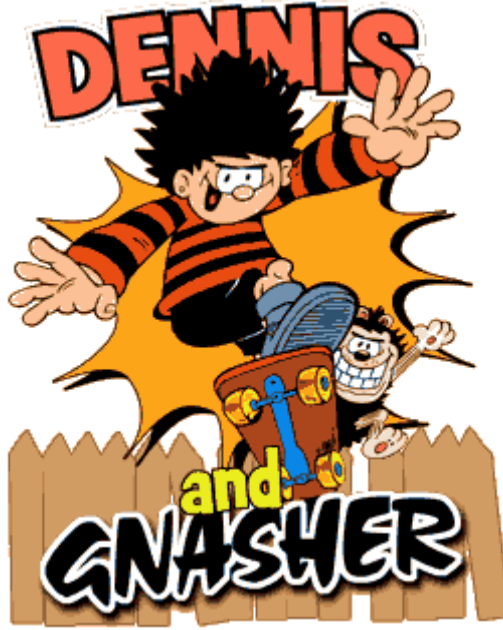
Silent Letters

Learning Outcomes

The purpose of this resource is to

- impart knowledge that certain words contain silent letters which were pronounced at one time in their history;
- develop understanding how silent letters can be located in certain words.

What are the names of the two comic book characters below?

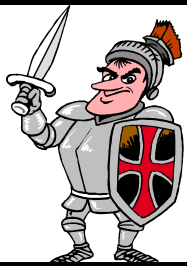


Now read:

I'm a gnome with knobbly knees.

I'm the gnat who'll gnaw those knees!

I'm a knight with my knitting in knots!



In English,

“Knight” was a person of noble birth trained to arms and chivalry.



In German,

“Knecht” was a farm labourer.

These words have letters that do not make any sound.

comb	gnome	fasten	wrap
wrong	listen	gnat	knuckle
gnash	knelt	sign	climb
wrinkly	Christmas	design	wrist
reign	know	knife	knock
lamb	foreign	knew	thumb
writing	christen	knowledge	kneel

Put the words under the right section. Underline the silent letter in each one.

Silent b

climb

Silent g

Silent k

Silent t

Silent w

Circle the silent letter(s) in each word below and then copy the word into the table on the next page.

hymn · hour · whistle · wedge ·
eight · gnash · lamb · biscuit · write
· leopard · yacht · salmon · pirate ·
viscount · meant · ghost · often ·
Wednesday · colonel · cupboard ·
build · fashion · honour · receipt ·
bomb · knee · cushion · myrrh · aisle
· night · indict · folk · plague ·
pneumatic · give · island · sword ·
straight · knock · fasten · prayer ·
know · wrinkly · scissors

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A	de a f
B	tom b
C	mus c le
D	hand d kerchief
E	more e
F	stiff f
G	phleg g m
H	he h iress
I	busi i ness
J	marij j uana
K	kn k ight
L	talk l
M	mn m emonic
N	dam n
O	peo o ple
P	ps p ych o
Q	lac q uer
R	fo r yer
S	debr s
T	whis t le
U	gu u ess
V	rev v ing
W	w w rong
X	fau x
Y	may y or
Z	rende z vous

Silent Letters Word Search: Puzzle

R	O	K	D	M	P	S	E	R	I	R	I	G	B	R
I	E	A	N	E	A	L	T	M	A	E	F	N	U	E
P	M	U	O	I	T	R	M	I	I	G	F	I	S	Y
N	H	P	Q	S	G	N	I	Y	F	E	V	V	I	O
K	L	C	I	C	E	H	O	J	I	F	Y	V	N	F
E	Y	H	W	M	A	S	T	H	U	J	K	E	E	F
X	W	U	O	Z	S	L	C	S	C	A	B	R	S	W
F	U	N	D	E	B	R	I	S	C	Y	N	O	S	R
H	I	A	U	I	E	M	A	Y	O	R	S	A	E	O
C	L	G	F	K	R	K	O	W	C	Z	M	P	R	N
Z	W	J	D	T	L	K	P	R	L	J	U	S	O	G
K	I	N	F	A	E	D	T	O	M	B	S	Y	M	U
D	A	P	T	F	Z	R	T	M	Z	H	C	F	M	G
H	R	E	N	D	E	Z	V	O	U	S	L	Z	Z	W
K	S	S	E	R	I	E	H	E	M	G	E	L	H	P

business

damn

deaf

debris

faux

foyer

guess

handkerchief

heiress

knight

lacquer

marijuana

mayor

mnemonic

more

muscle

people

phlegm

psycho

rendezvous

revving

stiff

talk

tomb

whistle

wrong

Silent Letters Word Search: Key

R	+	K	D	M	P	S	E	+	+	+	+	G	B	R
+	E	A	N	E	A	L	T	+	+	+	+	N	U	E
+	M	U	O	I	T	R	M	I	+	+	F	I	S	Y
N	+	P	Q	S	G	N	I	+	F	E	+	V	I	O
+	L	+	I	C	E	H	O	J	I	F	+	V	N	F
E	+	H	+	M	A	S	T	H	U	+	+	E	E	+
X	W	+	O	+	S	L	C	+	C	A	+	R	S	W
+	U	N	D	E	B	R	I	S	+	Y	N	+	S	R
+	I	A	U	+	E	M	A	Y	O	R	S	A	E	O
C	+	G	F	K	+	K	+	+	+	+	M	P	R	N
+	+	+	D	+	L	+	+	+	+	+	U	+	O	G
+	+	N	F	A	E	D	T	O	M	B	S	+	M	+
+	A	+	T	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	+
H	R	E	N	D	E	Z	V	O	U	S	L	+	+	+
+	S	S	E	R	I	E	H	+	M	G	E	L	H	P

(Over, Down, Direction)

business (14, 1, S)

damn (4, 1, SW)

deaf (7, 12, W)

debris (4, 8, E)

faux (4, 10, NW)

foyer (15, 5, N)

guess (3, 10, NE)

handkerchief (1, 14, NE)

heiress (8, 15, W)

knight (3, 1, SE)

lacquer (7, 7, NW)

marijuana (5, 1, SE)

mayor (7, 9, E)

mnemonic (8, 3, SW)

more (14, 12, N)

muscle (12, 10, S)

people (6, 1, SW)

phlegm (15, 15, W)

psycho (13, 10, NW)

rendezvous (2, 14, E)

revving (13, 7, N)

stiff (7, 1, SE)

talk (4, 13, NE)

tomb (8, 12, E)

whistle (2, 7, NE)

wrong (15, 7, S)