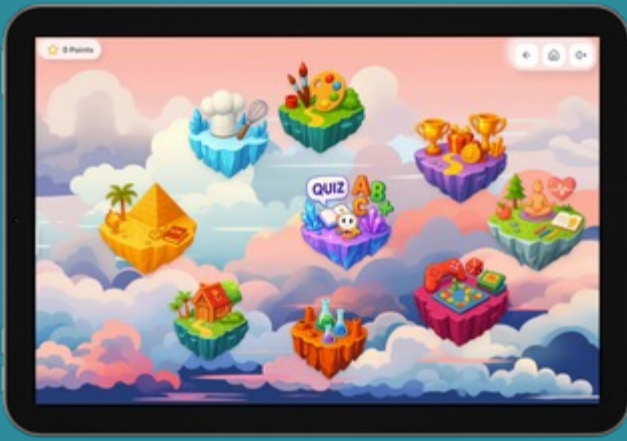


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Silent Letters - Year 2

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SILENT LETTER DETECTIVE GUIDE



A silent letter is written in a word but not heard when we say it.



LISTEN • LOOK • REMEMBER

KN



knee • knife • knot • knock

WR



write • wrap • wrist • wrong

MB



lamb • comb • thumb • crumb

T



listen • castle • whistle • fasten

L



walk • half • yolk • could

H



hour • honest • who • ghost

Patterns are clues.
Check each word carefully.





SILENT LETTER SORTING LAB

A

B

C



Place each word card in the group
that shows its silent letter.

KN

WR

MB

T

L

H

PREVIEW

SILENT LETTER SORTING LAB - PAGE 2

SORTING CARDS • CUT APART



knee



knife



knot



knock



write



wrap



wrist



wrong



lamb



comb



thumb



crumb



listen



castle



whistle



fasten



walk



half



yolk



could



hour



honest



who



ghost



QUIET KNIGHTS: SILENT LETTER QUEST

START

1

2

3

4

DRAW
A CARD

5

6

12

11

10

DRAW
A CARD

8

7

WR

13

14

DRAW
A CARD

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

DRAW
A CARD

22

T

L

DRAW
A CARD

23

24

FINISH

H

L

H



QUIET KNIGHTS CHALLENGE CARDS 1-12



1

1. Circle the
silent letter in
KNIFE.



2

2. Name the
silent letter in
KNEE.



3

3. Complete:
_NOT.



4

4. Use WRITE
in a sentence.



5

5. Circle the
silent letter in
WRIT.



6

6. Complete:
_RONG.



7

7. Name the
silent letter in
LAMB.



8

8. Complete:
THUM_.



9

9. Spell the word
for a hair tool:
COMB.



10

10. Circle the
silent letter in
LISTEN.



11

11. Complete:
CAS_LE.



12

12. Say WHISTLE.
Which letter
is silent?



QUIET KNIGHTS CHALLENGE CARDS 13-24

13



13. Complete:
WA_K.



14



14. Name the
silent letter
in HALF.



15



15. Circle the
silent letter
in COULD.



16



16. Use WALK
in a sentence.



17



17. Complete:
_OUR.



18



18. Name the
silent letter
in HONEST.



19



19. Circle the
silent letter
in WHO.



20



20. Use GHOST
in a sentence.



21



21. Which group?
KNOCK.



22



22. Which group?
WRAP.



23



23. Which group?
CRUMB.



24



24. Which group?
FASTEN.



HOW TO PLAY



2-4 players • You need a die and counters.
Roll and move. Draw a card on a card space.
Answer correctly to stay. If you need help, move back one space.
First player to FINISH wins.



SPOT THE SILENT LETTER



Name: _____

Circle the silent letter in each word. Then write the whole word once.

1. knee



7. knot



Write: _____

Write: _____

2. write



8. wrist



Write: _____

Write: _____

3. lamb



9. thumb



Write: _____

Write: _____

4. listen



10. castle



Write: _____

Write: _____

5. walk



11. half



Write: _____

Write: _____

6. hour



12. honest



Write: _____

Write: _____



SPOT THE SILENT LETTER



Name: ANSWERS

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Write: knot

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3. lamb



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Write: half

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Write: hour

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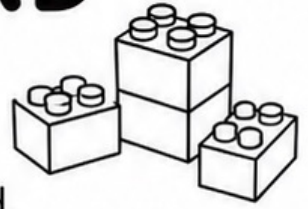


Write: honest



BUILD THE WORD

Name: _____



Add the missing silent letter. Then write the complete word.

LETTER BANK: b • h • k • l • t • w

1. _nee

7. _not

2. _rite

8. _rist

3. lam_

9. thum_

4. lis_er

10. cas_le

5. wa_k

11. ha_f

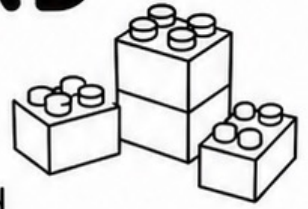
6. _our

12. _onest



BUILD THE WORD

Name: ANSWERS



Add the missing silent letter. Then write the complete word.

LETTER BANK: b • h • k • l • t • w

1. k_nee

knee

7. k_not

knot

2. w_rite

write

8. r_ist

wrist

3. lam_b

lamb

9. thum_b

thumb

4. lis_ter

listen

10. cas_tle

castle

5. wa_lk

walk

11. ha_lf

half

6. h_our

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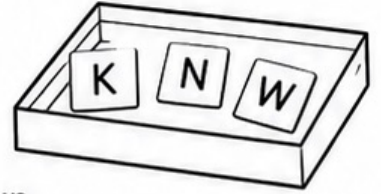
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honest



SILENT LETTER PATTERN SORT

Name: _____



Write each word in the box that shows its silent letter group.

WORD BANK

knee • knife • knock • write • wrap • wrong
lamb • thumb • crumb • listen • castle • fasten
walk • half • could • hour • honest • who

KN

WR

ME

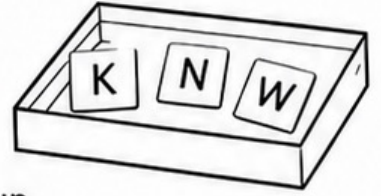
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SENTENCE SLEUTH • PAGE A



Name: _____

Find the silent-letter word in each sentence. Underline the word and circle its silent letter.

1. The knight waited by the gate.

Silent-letter word: _____

2. Mia wrapped the gift.

Silent-letter word: _____

3. A lamb rested in the paddock.

Silent-letter word: _____

4. We listened to the birds.

Silent-letter word: _____

5. Dad walked along the beach.

Silent-letter word: _____

6. An honest child returned the wallet.

Silent-letter word: _____

7. I wrote my name on the card.

Silent-letter word: _____

8. The castle stood on the hill.

Silent-letter word: _____



SENTENCE SLEUTH • PAGE A



Name: ANSWERS

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1. The knight waited by the gate.

Silent-letter word: knight

2. Mia wrapped the gift.

Silent-letter word: wrapped

3. A lamb rested in the paddock.

Silent-letter word: lamb

4. We listened to the birds.

Silent-letter word: listened

5. Dad walked along the beach.

Silent-letter word: walked

6. An honest child returned the wallet.

Silent-letter word: honest

7. I wrote my name on the card.

Silent-letter word: wrote

8. The castle stood on the hill.

Silent-letter word: castle



SENTENCE SLEUTH • PAGE B



Name: _____

Each sentence has one word with a missing silent letter. Rewrite the sentence correctly.

1. I used a nife to cut the apple.

Correct sentence: _____

2. Please rap the present.

Correct sentence: _____

3. A crum fell from the biscuit.

Correct sentence: _____

4. Please lisen carefully.

Correct sentence: _____

5. The yol was yellow.

Correct sentence: _____

6. It took an o to get home.

Correct sentence: _____

7. The wistle was loud.

Correct sentence: _____

8. Mum new the answer.

Correct sentence: _____

PREVIEW



SENTENCE SLEUTH • PAGE B



Name: ANSWERS

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Correct sentence: I used a knife to cut the apple.

2. Please rap the present.

Correct sentence: Please wrap the present.

3. A crum fell from the biscuit.

Correct sentence: A crumb fell from the biscuit.

4. Please lisen carefully.

Correct sentence: Please listen carefully.

5. The yol was yellow.

Correct sentence: The yolk was yellow.

6. It took an our to get home.

Correct sentence: It took an hour to get home.

7. The wistle was loud.

Correct sentence: The whistle was loud.

8. Mum new the answer.

Correct sentence: Mum knew the answer.

THE KNIGHT AT THE CASTLE • PAGE A

Name: _____



Read the story. Underline every word with a silent letter.



On Wednesday, Finn walked to the old castle with a small lamb. He heard a whistle near the gate. A kind knight waved and said, "I know why you are here." Finn wrapped a crumb of bread in a cloth and gave it to the lamb. Then the knight wrote a clue: "Look beside the honest king's chair." Finn found a golden comb and a sharp knife. He did not touch the knife. He called the guard and waited for help. The king thanked Finn for being calm and honest.



WORD HUNT

Write six silent-letter words from the story.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

THE KNIGHT AT THE CASTLE • PAGE A

Name: **ANSWERS**



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WORD HUNT

Write six silent-letter words from the story.

1. walked
2. castle
3. lamb
4. whistle
5. knight
6. know

THE KNIGHT AT THE CASTLE • PAGE B

Name: _____

Use the story on Page A to answer each question.



1. Who went to the castle?

2. What sound did Finn hear?

3. Why did Finn call the guard?

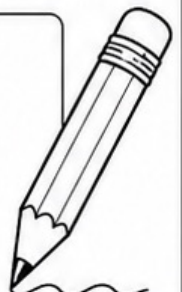
4. Write the word from the story that begins with silent **k**.

5. Write two words from the story that end with silent **b**.

6. Circle the silent letter in **whistle**.

7. Complete the words: ca_m and _onest.

8. Write a new sentence using **knight**.



THE KNIGHT AT THE CASTLE • PAGE B

Name: ANSWERS

Use the story on Page A to answer each question.



1. Who went to the castle?

Finn went to the castle.

2. What sound did Finn hear?

He heard a whistle.

3. Why did Finn call the guard?

He found a sharp knife and called the guard for help.

4. Write the word from the story that begins with silent k.

knight

5. Write two words from the story that end with silent b.

lamb, crumb

6. Circle the silent letter in **whistle**.

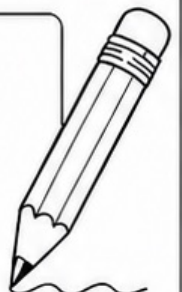
7. Complete the words: ca_m and _onest.

calm

honest

8. Write a new sentence using **knight**.

The knight waved at Finn.



SILENT LETTER MASTERY CHECK • PAGE 1

Name: _____

Date: _____



PART A • MUSEUM MYSTERY

Read the clue. Underline every word with a silent letter.
Circle each silent letter.



On Wednesday, Mia walked into the old museum. She knew the knight's sword was missing. A c_____h_____y beside a wooden comb. Mia listened for a clue _____ and wrote every detail in her notebook.

PREVIEW

PART B • COMPLETE THE WORDS

Add the missing silent letter. Write the complete word.



- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. _nee _____ | 5. wa_k _____ |
| 2. _rite _____ | 6. _our _____ |
| 3. lam_ _____ | 7. thum_ _____ |
| 4. lis_en _____ | 8. cas_le _____ |

SILENT LETTER MASTERY CHECK • PAGE 1

Name: ANSWERS

Date: _____



PART A • MUSEUM MYSTERY

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Circle each silent letter.



On Wednesday, Mia walked into the old museum. She knew the knight's sword was missing. A crumb lay beside a wooden comb. Mia listened for a clue and wrote every detail in her notebook.

PART A ANSWER KEY

Wednesday - silent d

walked - silent l

knew - silent k

knight's - silent k and gh

sword - silent w

crumb - silent b

comb - silent b

listened - silent t

wrote - silent w

PART B • COMPLETE THE WORDS

Add the missing silent letter. Write the complete word.



1. _nee k knee

5. wa_k l walk

2. _rite w write

6. _our h hour

3. lam_ b lamb

7. thum_ b thumb

4. lis_en t listen

8. cas_le t castle

SILENT LETTER MASTERY CHECK • PAGE 2

Name: _____



PART C • SORT THE WORDS

Write each word in the correct silent-letter group.

WORD BANK: knife • knot • wrap • wrist • comb • crumb • listen • fasten • walk • half • hour • honest

KN

WR

MB

T

L

H



PART D • SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1. Spell one word that begins with silent k.

2. Spell one word that begins with silent w.

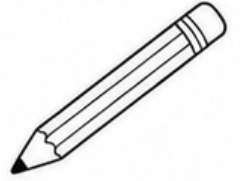
3. Spell one word that ends with silent b.

4. Write two clear sentences. Use a different silent-letter word in each sentence.



SILENT LETTER MASTERY CHECK • PAGE 2

Name: ANSWERS



PART C • SORT THE WORDS

Write each word in the correct silent-letter group.

WORD BANK: knife • knot • wrap • wrist • comb • crumb • listen • fasten • walk • half • hour • honest

KN

knife, knot

WR

wrap, wrist

MB

comb, crumb

T

listen, fasten

L

walk, half

H

hour, honest



PART D • SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1. Spell one word that begins with silent k.

knee

2. Spell one word that begins with silent w.

write

3. Spell one word that ends with silent b.

lamb

4. Write two clear sentences. Use a different silent-letter word in each sentence.

The knight walked to the gate.

Mia wrapped a gift.





SILENT LETTERS RUBRIC



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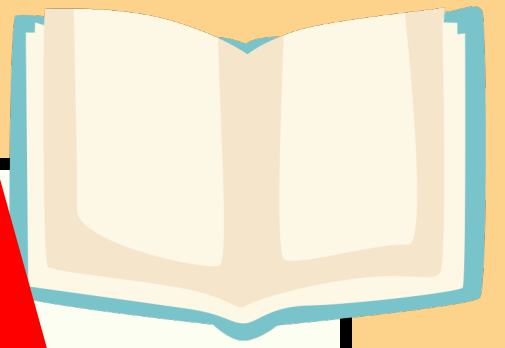
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CRITERION	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	ACHIEVING	CONFIDENT	EXCEEDING
Recognition	Finds few silent letters with help.	Finds some examples of familiar words.	Finds most taught examples.	Finds examples accurately.	Finds and explains new examples.
Spelling	Needs help to include silent letters.	Includes some silent letters.	Spells most taught words correctly.	Spells taught words accurately.	Applies spelling to unfamiliar words.
Pattern Use	Needs prompts to group words.	Groups some words correctly.	Uses taught patterns.	Uses patterns to check spelling.	Explains patterns and exceptions.
Sentence Application	Uses words only with support.	Uses one word in a simple sentence.	Uses taught words in clear sentences.	Uses several words accurately.	Uses varied words and explains choices.

Silent Letters

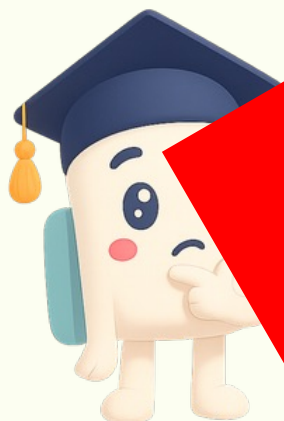


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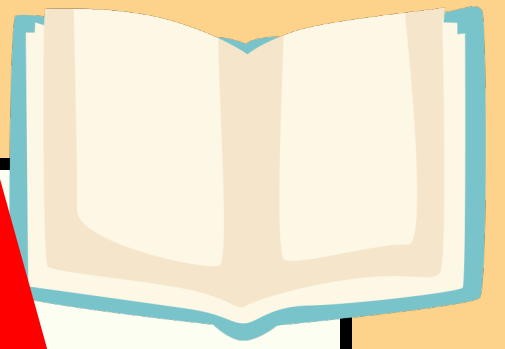


We are learning to:

- notice letters that are written but not spoken
- read common silent-letter words
- spell words by remembering the whole letter



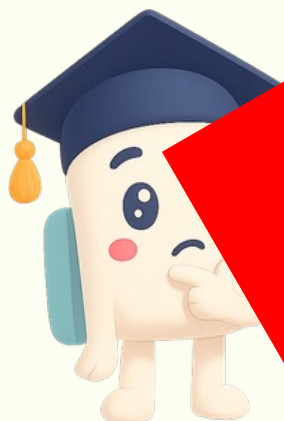
Listen and Notice



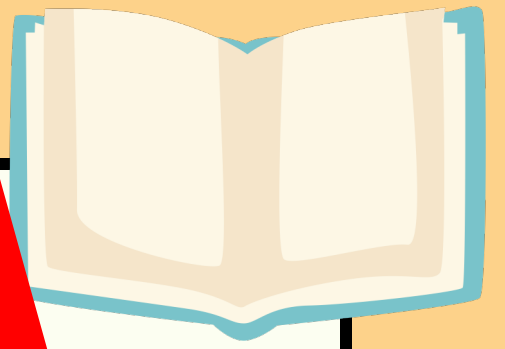
Say each word slowly:

knee • write • lamb • whistle

Which letter can you hear but not hear in each word?

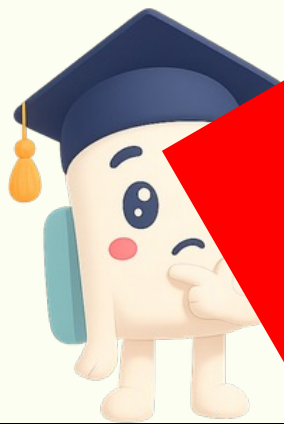


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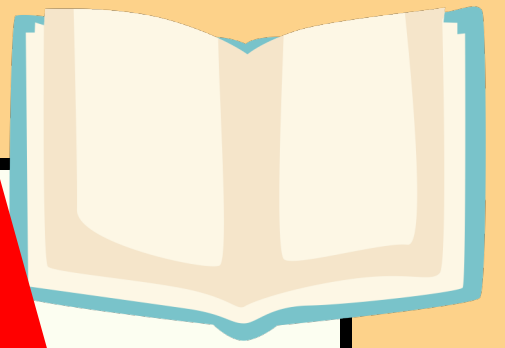


A silent letter is written in a word but is not heard when the word is spoken.

Example: in knee, the k is silent. We pronounce it like “nee.”



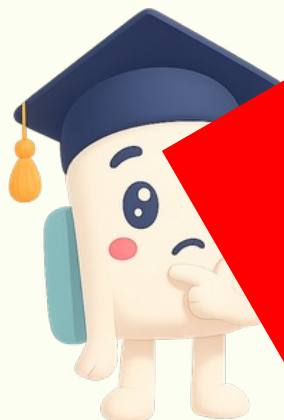
Patterns Are Helpful Clues



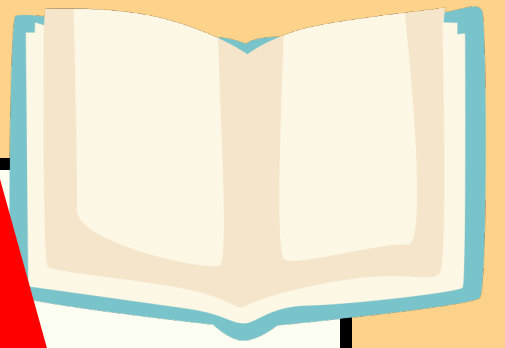
Silent letters often appear in familiar patterns

kn- wr- -mb -stle -alk -alf

These patterns are clues, not perfect rules. So, readers check the whole word.



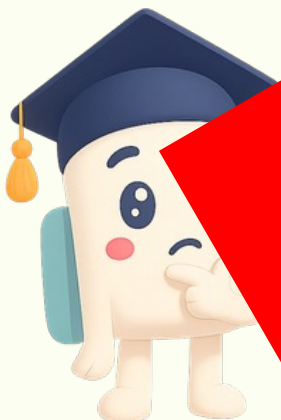
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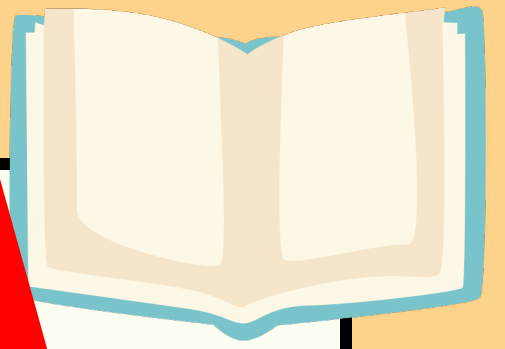
At the beginning of many words, k is silent before n.

knee knight knife knock knot

Say each word without the k sound.



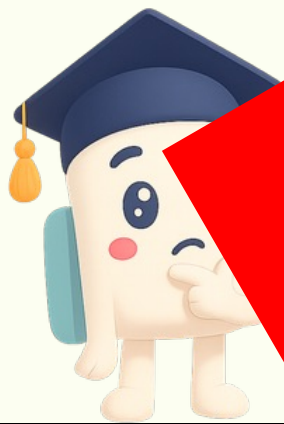
Silent W Before R



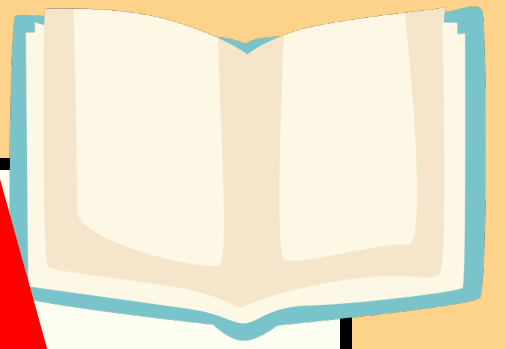
At the beginning of many words, w is silent before r.

write wrist wrap wrong wrinkle

The words begin with /r/ and /r/.



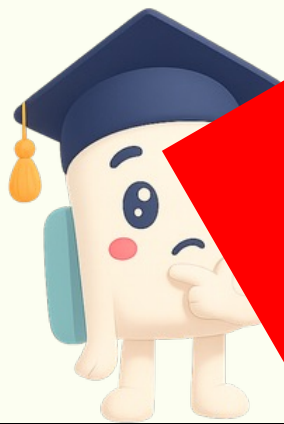
Silent B After M



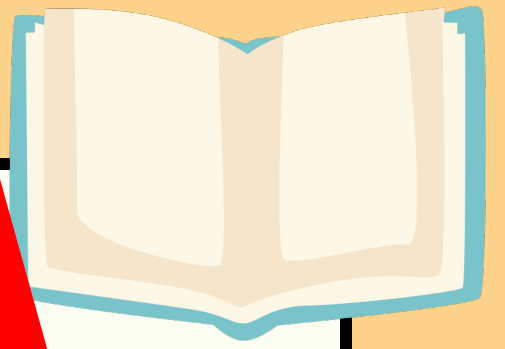
At the end of some words, b is silent after m

lamb comb thumb crumb climb

Stretch the final sound you hear. /m/, not /b/.



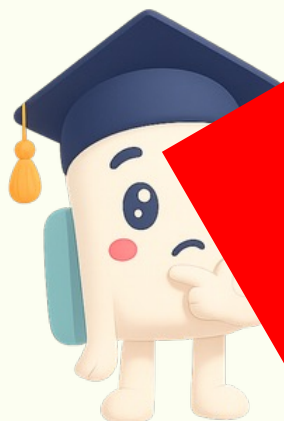
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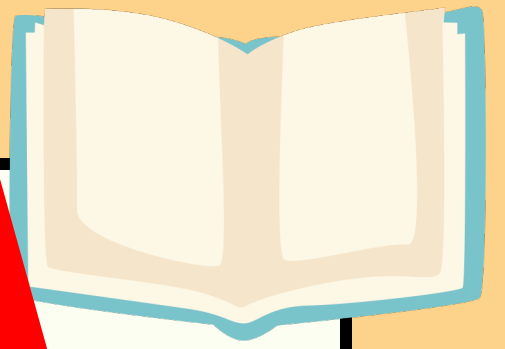
The letter t is silent in some familiar words.

whistle castle listen faster Christmas

Read the word as a whole rather than sounding every letter.



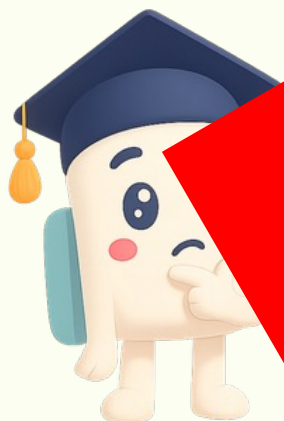
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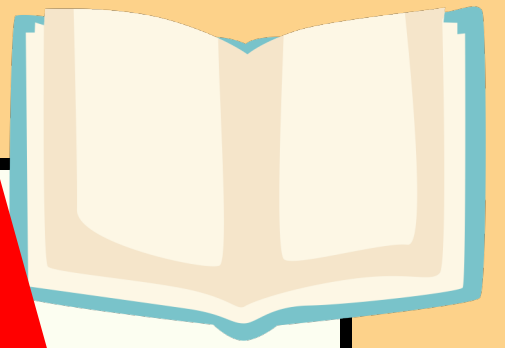
The letter l is silent in some common words

walk talk chalk half calf

Look for the whole spelling pattern when you read and write.



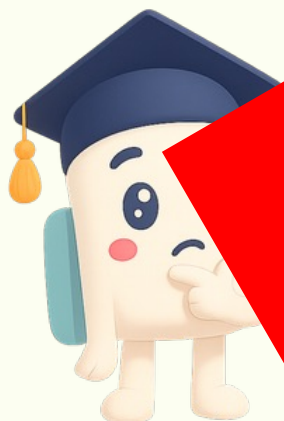
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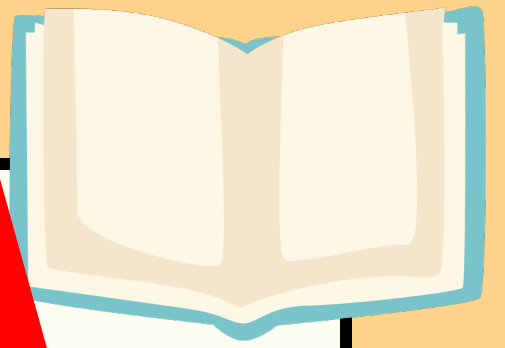
The letter h is silent in some words.

hour honest honour what when

Not every h is silent: chair, heart, help and home.



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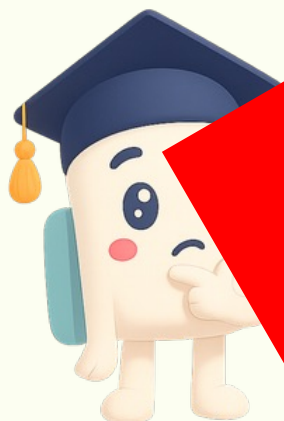


Name the silent letter in each word:

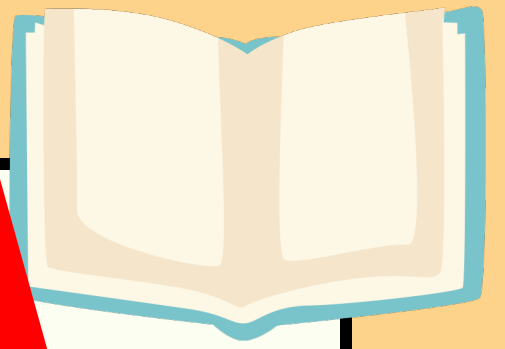
1. knife 2. wrist 3. thumb

4. castle 5. chalk 6. honest

Say the word first, then point to the quiet letter.

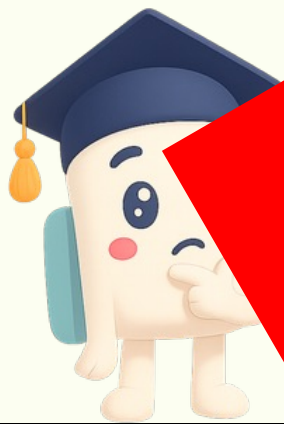


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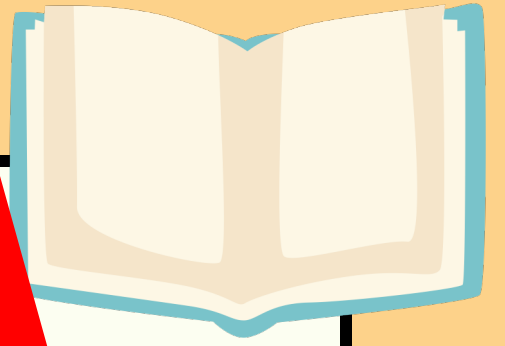


1. knife — k 2. wrist — w 3. thumb — b
4. castle — t 5. chalk — l 6. honest — h

The silent letter is written even though it is not spoken.



Sentence Hunt

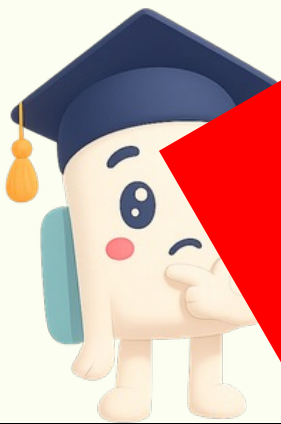


Find every word with a silent letter:

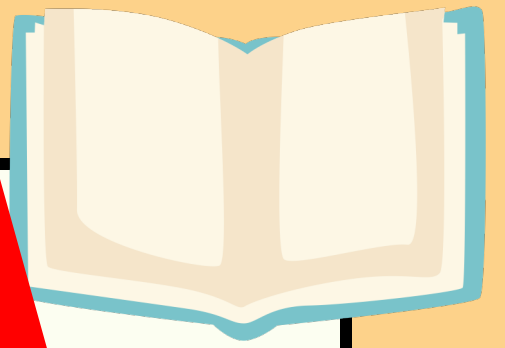
The knight wrote a note beside the castle.

Mia walked home after an hour.

Underline each silent-letter word.



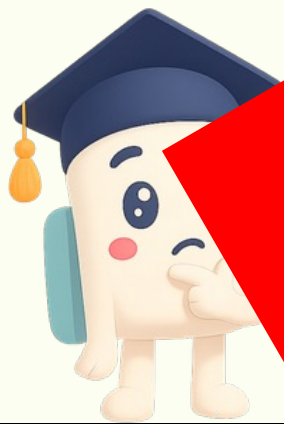
Sentence Hunt Answers



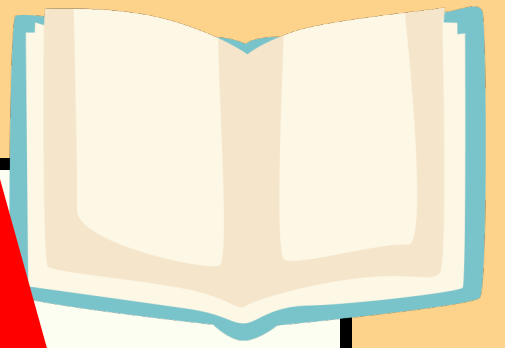
The knight wrote a note beside the old castle.

Mia walked home after half an hour.

Silent-letter words: knight, wrote, castle, walk, half, hour



Restore the Missing Letter

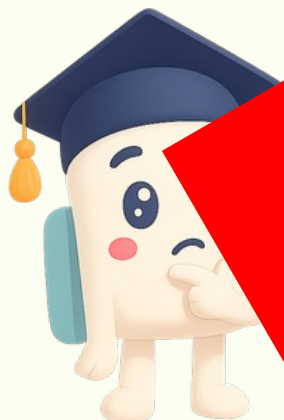


Add the missing silent letter:

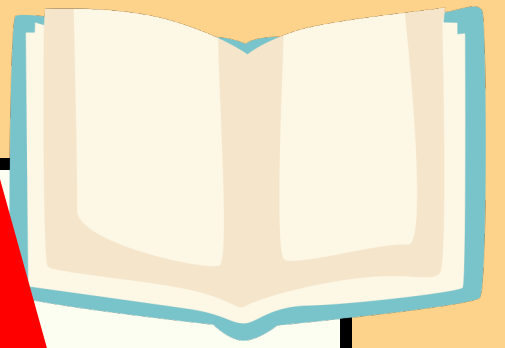
1. _nee 2. _rite 3. lam_

4. cas_le 5. cha_k 6. _one

Read each completed word aloud.

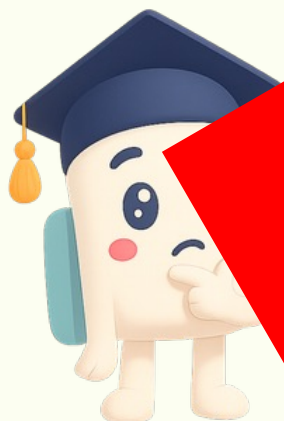


Missing-Letter Answers

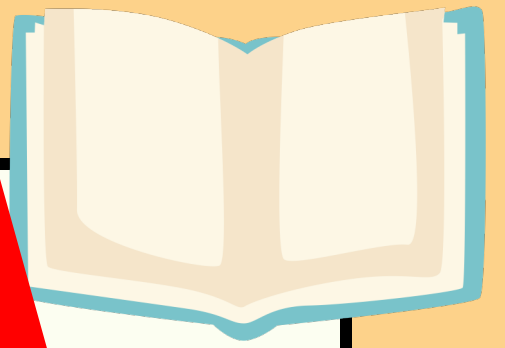


1. knee 2. write 3. lamb
4. castle 5. chalk 6. honest

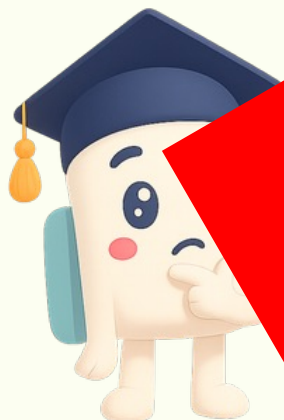
Check that the quiet letter is included in the spelling.



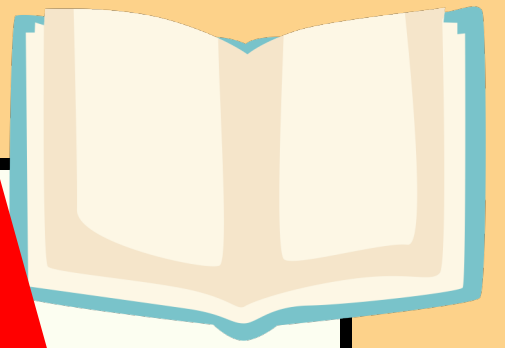
Cumulative Review



- A. Sort: knight, wrist, lamb, whistle, walk, howl
- B. Write the silent letter beside each word.
- C. Use one silent-letter word in a circle center.



Review Answers and Reflection

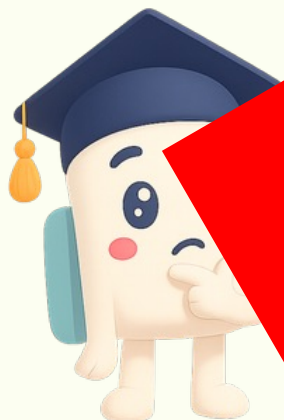


A. kn: knight wr: wrist mb: lamb

quiet t: whistle quiet l: walk quiet h: hour

B. k, w, b, t, l, h

Reflection: Which spelling pattern will help you most?





Well Done!

PREVIEW



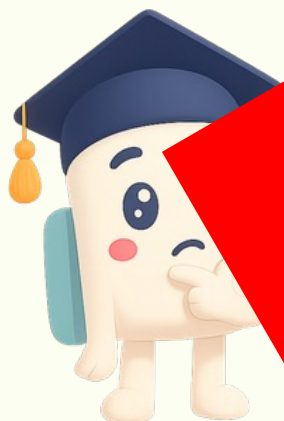
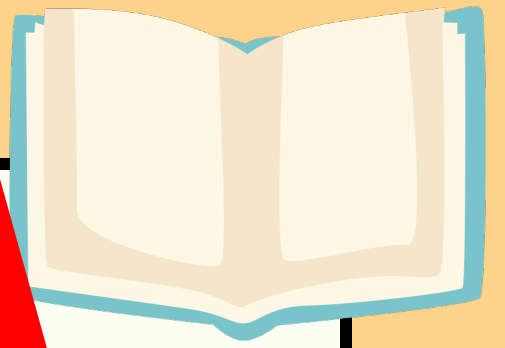
Silent Letters Quiz



Question 1

True or false?

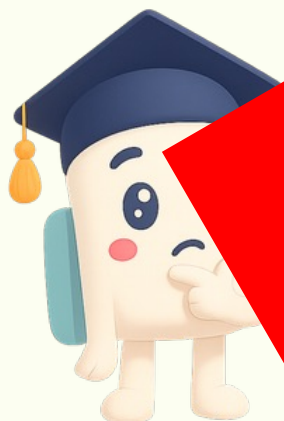
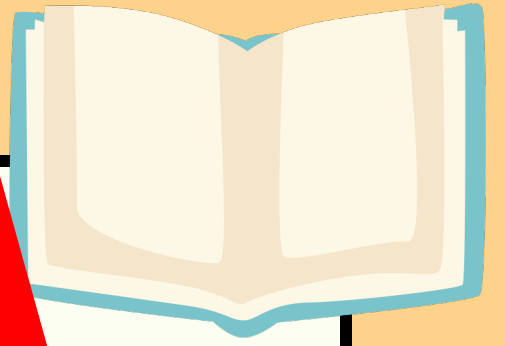
A silent letter is written in a word but not heard when the word is spoken.



Answer 1

True.

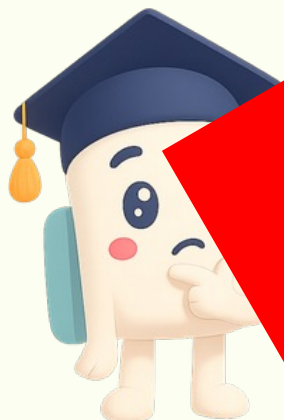
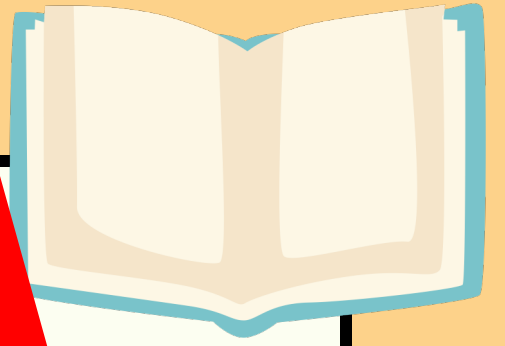
The letter is part of the spelling even though it is quiet when we say the word.



Question 2

Which word begins with a silent k?

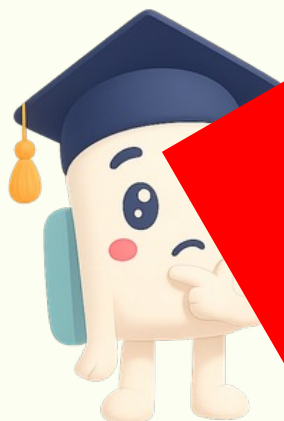
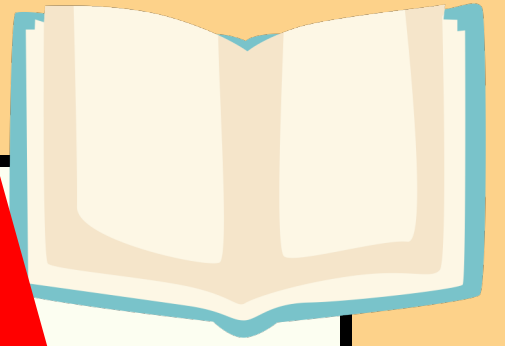
- A. king
- B. knee
- C. kite
- D. kid



Answer 2

B. knee

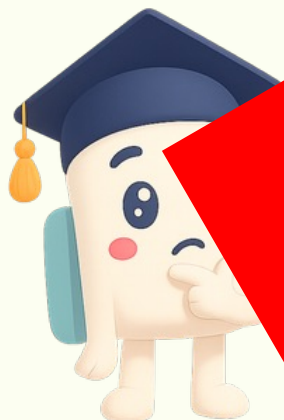
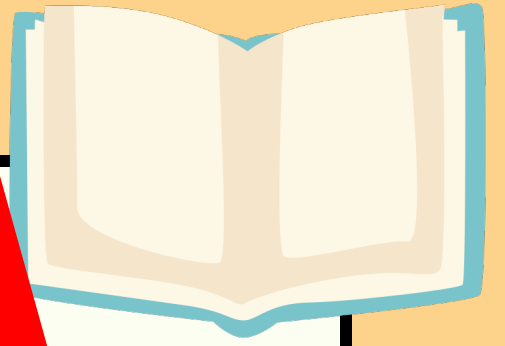
The k is written but the word begins with the sound



Question 3

Which letter is silent in write?

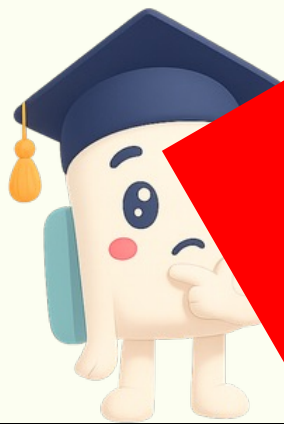
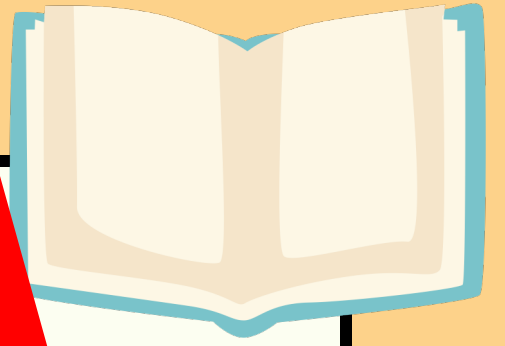
- A. w
- B. r
- C. i
- D. e



Answer 3

A. w

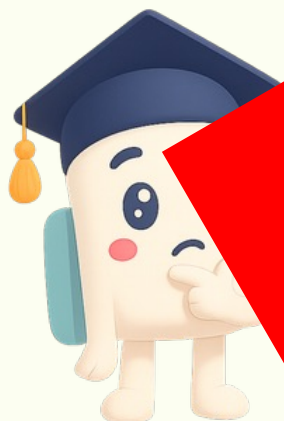
Write begins with the /r/ sound



Question 4

Which word ends with a silent b?

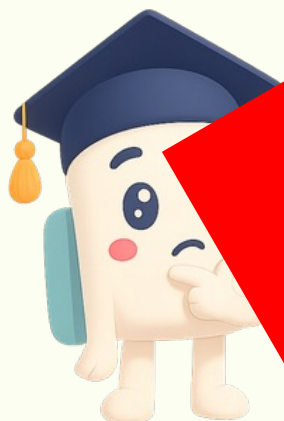
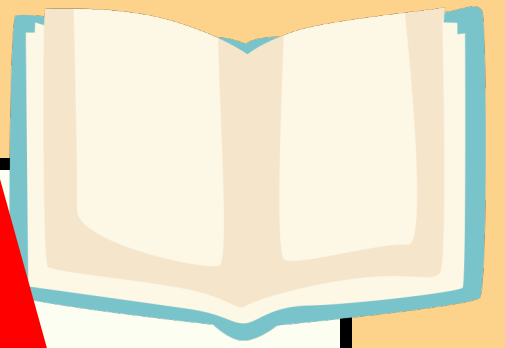
- A. crab
- B. rub
- C. lamb
- D. web



Answer 4

C. lamb

The final b is written, but the last sound is /m/.

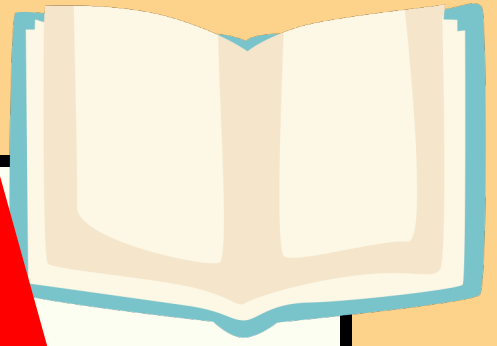
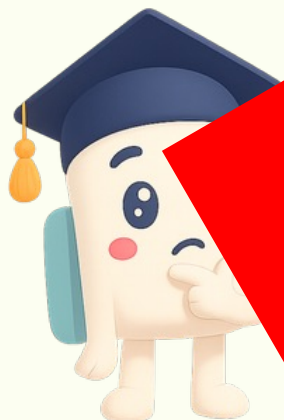


Question 5

Add the missing silent letter:

_nife

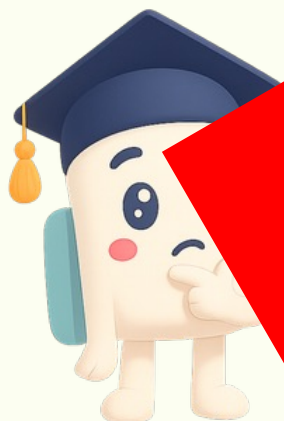
Write the complete word:



Answer 5

knife

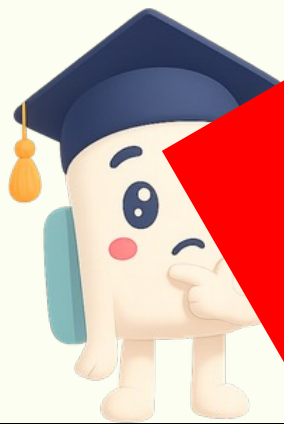
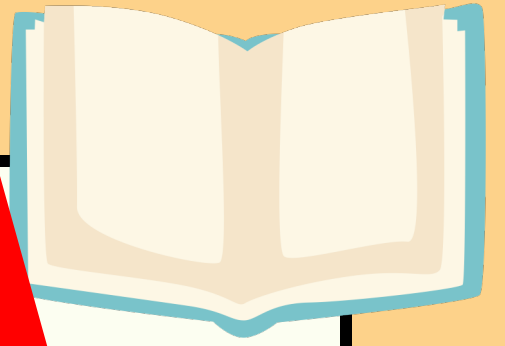
The missing silent letter is k



Question 6

Which word contains a silent t?

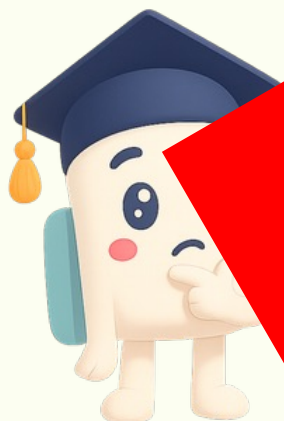
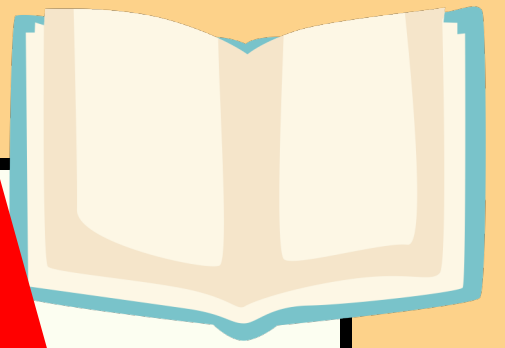
- A. table
- B. whistle
- C. tiger
- D. tent



Answer 6

B. whistle

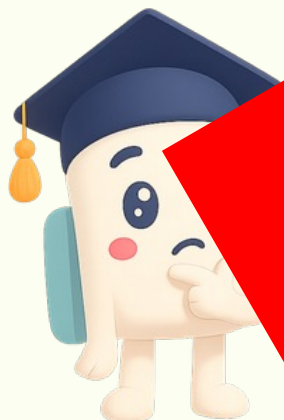
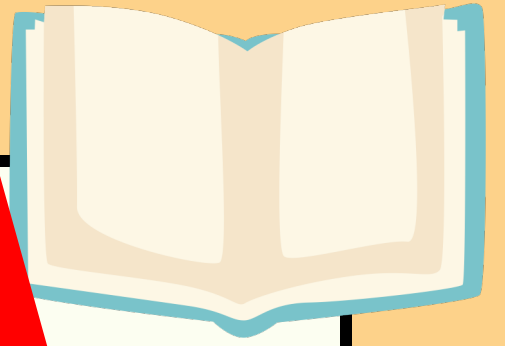
We write t in whistle, but we do not hear it.



Question 7

True or false?

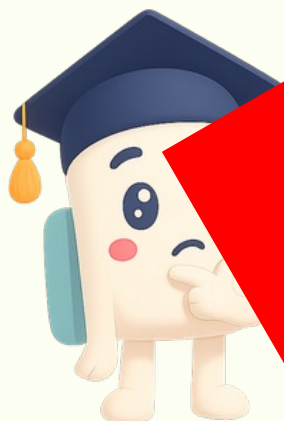
The l is heard when we say h



Answer 7

False.

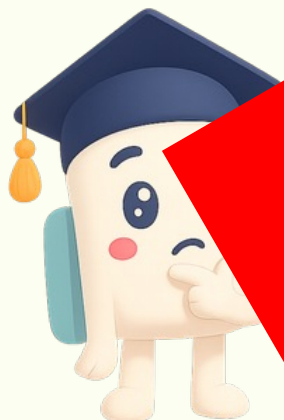
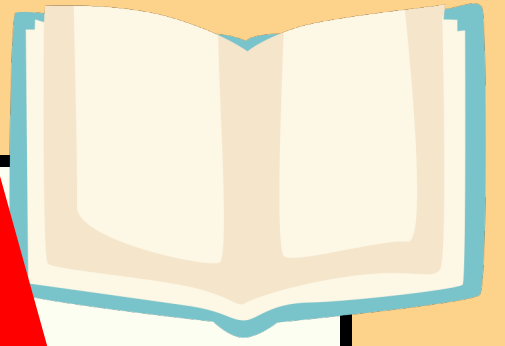
The l is silent in half.



Question 8

Which letter is silent in hour?

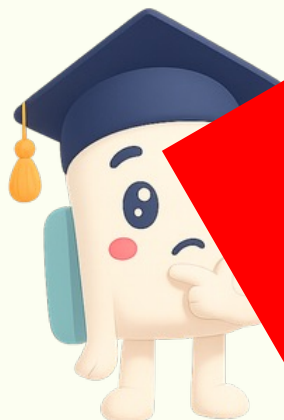
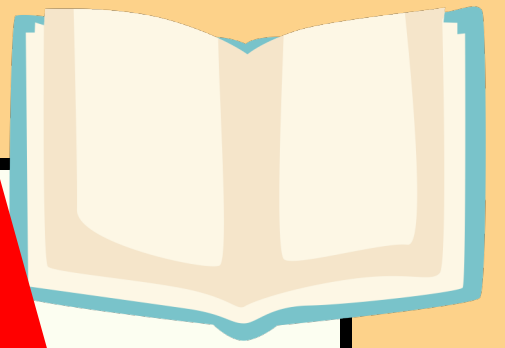
Write one letter.



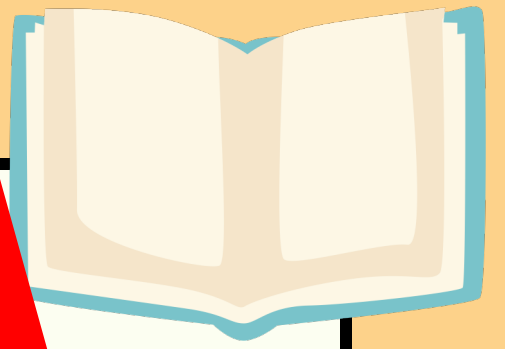
Answer 8

h

Hour begins with a vowel sound.



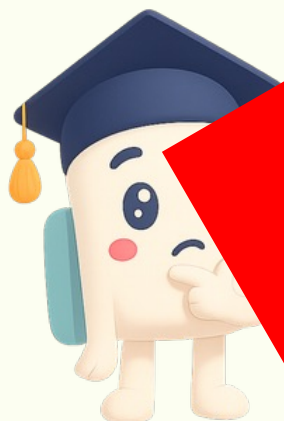
Question 9



Fix the spelling by adding one silent letter:

nock

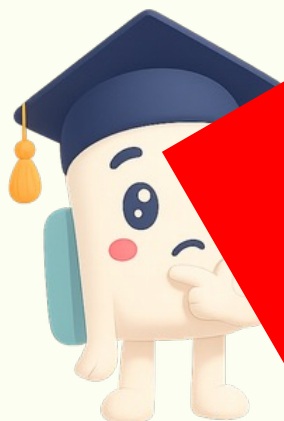
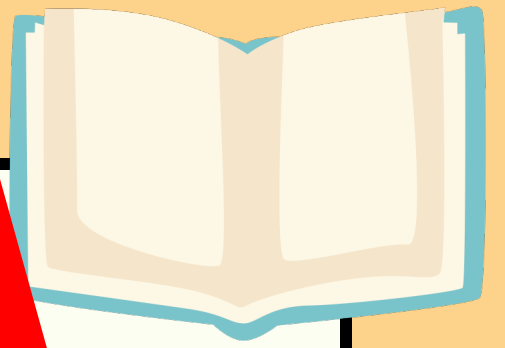
Write the correct word



Answer 9

knock

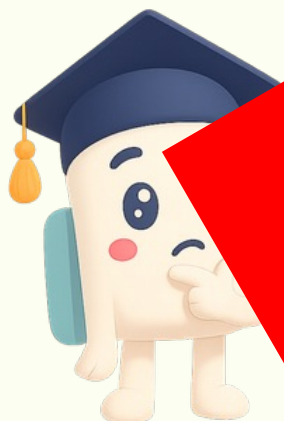
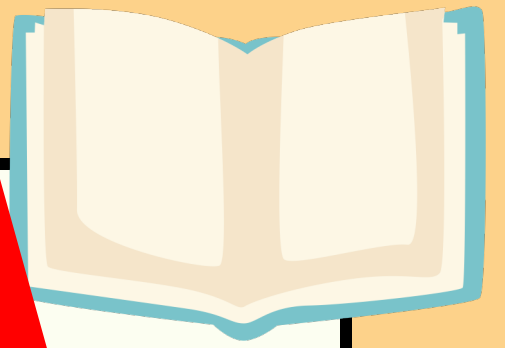
Add silent k before n.



Question 10

Find all the silent-letter words:

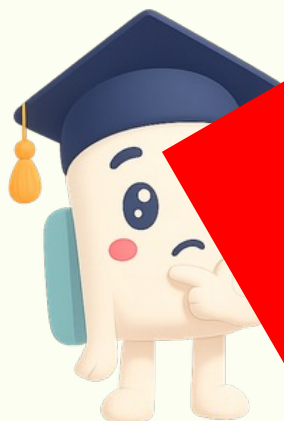
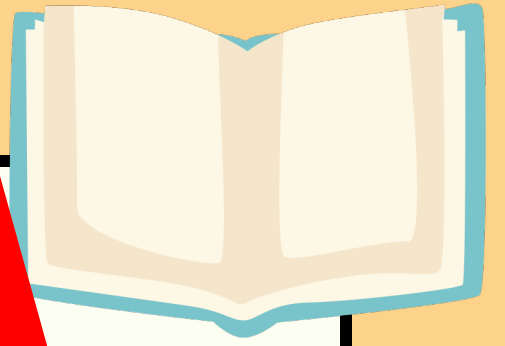
The knight wrote a note beside the castle.



Answer 10

knight, wrote, castle

Silent letters: k in knight, w in wrote, t in castle.





Well Done!

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