

Silent Letters in the English Language

Silent B	Silent C	Silent D	Silent E	Silent G
When following M and B at the end of a word.	In the ending "-sclē"		At the end of words and usually makes the preceding vowel long	Often when followed by an N
Lamb /læm/ Thumb /θʌm/ Numb /nʌm/ Crumb /krʌm/ Bomb /bɑ:m/ Comb /kəʊm/ Plumber /'plʌmə/ Limb /lɪm/ Tomb /tu:m/ Debt /det/ Doubt /daʊt/	Muscle /'mʌsəl/	Edge /edʒ/ Hedge /hedʒ/ Wednesday /'wenzdeɪ/ Handsome /'hænsəm/ Badge /bædʒ/ Wedge /wedʒ/ Sandwich /'sænwɪtʃ /	Love /lʌv/ Hope /həʊp/ Hate /heɪt/ Like /laɪk/ Site /saɪt/ Write /raɪt/ Gave /geɪv/ Drive /draɪv/ Make /meɪk/	Champagne /ʃæm'peɪn/ Foreign /'fɔ:rən Sign /saɪn/ Sigh /saɪ/ Feign /feɪn/ Resign /rɪ'zaɪn/ Design /dɪ'zaɪn/ Gnome /nəʊm/
Silent GH	Silent H	Silent K	Silent T	Silent U
Before T and at the end of many words	When following W and at the beginning of many words	When followed by N at the beginning of a word		After G and before a vowel and some other cases
Thought /θɔ:t/ Might /maɪt/ Right /raɪt/ Fight /faɪt/ Light /laɪt/ Daughter /'dɔ:tər / Through /θru: / Weigh /wei/ Weight /weɪt/	<i>What, When, Why...</i> Whether /ˈweðə(r)/ Ghost /gəʊst/ Honest /'ɑ:nəst / Hour /aʊr / While /waɪl/ White /waɪt/ Rhythm /'rɪðəm/ Honor /'ɒnər/ Heir /er/ Herb* /ɜ:rb/	Knife /naɪf/ Knee /ni: / Know /nəʊ/ Knock /nɒk/ Knot /nɒt/ Knob /nɒb/ Knickers /'nɪkərz/ Knuckle /'nʌkəl/ Knight /naɪt/ Knack /næk/ Knew /nu: / /nju: /	Fatsen /'fæsən/ Castle /'kæsl/ Listen /'lɪsn/ Christmas /'krɪsməs/ Mortgage /'mɔ:rgɪdʒ/ Soften /'sɔ:fən/ Often /'ɔ:fən/ Whistle /'wɪsəl/ Thistle /'θɪsəl/	Guest /gest/ Guess /ges/ Guitar /gɪ'tɑ:r / Guard /gɑ:rd / Building /'bɪldɪŋ/ Guilty /'gɪltɪ/ Rogue /rəʊg/ Vogue /vəʊg/ Biscuit /'bɪskɪt/ Tongue /tʌŋ/ Guidance /'gɑ:dns/ Disguise /dɪs'gɑ:z/
Silent W	Silent S	Silent N	Silent P	Silent L
At the beginning of a word followed by an R and with these three pronouns	Before L in the following words	Following M at the end of a word	At the beginning of many words using the suffix "Psych" and "Pneu"	L is often not pronounced before D, F, M, K.
Wrap /ræp/ Wrong /rɔ:ŋ/ Wrist /rɪst/ Write /raɪt/ Who /hu: / Whose /hu:z/ Whom /hu:m/ Sword /sɔ:rd/	Island /'aɪlənd/ Isle /aɪl/ Aisle /aɪl/	Autumn /'ɔ:təm/ Hymn /hɪm/ Damn /dæm/ Column /'kɔ:ləm/	Psychiatrist /sə'kaɪətrəst/ Pseudo /'su:dəʊ / Psychology /saɪ'kɔ:lədʒɪ/ Pseudonym /'su:dənɪm/ Pneumonia /nu'məʊnjə/ Psychotic /saɪ'kɔ:tɪk /	Talk /tɔ:k/ Walk /wɔ:k/ Calm /kɑ:m/ Half /hæf / Would /wʊd/ Could /kʊd/ Should /ʃʊd/