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SPELLING (SILENT LETTERS)

Some letters in English words don't sound. The letters which are not pronounced are called silent letters. They cause a lot of confusion in the spelling. Usually the following letters serve as silent letters.

» 'k' remains silent when 'n' follows it.

Example: Know

» 'w' is not sounded when 'r' follows it.

Example: Write

» 'b' is not pronounced when it comes after 'm'.

Example: Combb

» Cluster -gh remains silent and 'g' is silent in some words.

Example: Fight, Sign

» 't' serves as silent letter when it comes after 's'.

Example: Wresttle

» 'h' is not sounded before 'o'.

Example: Hour

» 'e' when comes at the end of a word is not pronounced.

Example: Love

» 'r' is not pronounced in majority of words when it comes at the middle or at the end.

Example: Car, Large

» 'l' remains silent when it comes before 'k'.

Example: Talk

» 'n' is not sounded when it comes at the end.

Example: autumn.

» Double letters in a word are pronounced like single letter.

Example: Butter