

Silent Letters in English: A-Z

A list of words with silent letters

Note: This is not a complete list. There are many other words with silent letters in English.

A

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| 1. automatically | 19. tomb |
| 2. basically | 20. womb |
| 3. chaotically | 21. climber |
| 4. logically | 22. numbness |
| 5. practically | 23. plumber |
| 6. specifically | 24. debt |
| 7. surgically | 25. doubt |

B

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| 8. bomb | 26. subtle |
| 9. climb | 27. debtor |
| 10. comb | 28. doubtful |
| 11. crumb | 29. subtlety |

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| 12. dumb | |
| 13. lamb | |
| 14. limb | |
| 15. numb | |
| 16. plumb | |
| 17. succumb | |
| 18. thumb | |

C

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| 30. descent |
| 31. fascinate |
| 32. fluorescent |
| 33. scene |
| 34. scent |
| 35. science |
| 36. scissors |
| 37. muscle |

D

- 38. badge
- 39. bridge
- 40. budget
- 41. edge
- 42. fridge
- 43. judge
- 44. knowledge
- 45. handkerchief
- 46. handsome
- 47. sandwich
- 48. Wednesday

E

- 49. before
- 50. bridge
- 51. give
- 52. some
- 53. called
- 54. helped
- 55. looked
- 56. seemed

G

- 57. gnat
- 58. gnaw
- 59. gnome
- 60. design
- 61. campaign
- 62. foreign

63. reign

64. sign

GH

- 65. daughter
- 66. night
- 67. thought
- 68. through
- 69. weigh

H

- 70. gherkin
- 71. ghetto
- 72. ghost
- 73. rhinoceros
- 74. rhythm
- 75. rheumatic
- 76. rhinoplasty
- 77. whale
- 78. what
- 79. when
- 80. white
- 81. why
- 82. chemistry
- 83. mechanic
- 84. school
- 85. stomach
- 86. technology
- 87. heir
- 88. herb (only in US English)

- 89. honest
- 90. honour (US: honor)
- 91. hour
- 92. chemistry
- 93. mechanic
- 94. school
- 95. stomach
- 96. technology

I

- 97. business

K

- 98. knee
- 99. knife
- 100. knight

- 101. knot

- 102. know

L

- 103. calf
- 104. half
- 105. chalk
- 106. talk
- 107. walk
- 108. balm
- 109. calm
- 110. palm
- 111. could
- 112. should
- 113. would

- 114. salmon

M

- 115. mnemonic

N

- 116. autumn
- 117. column
- 118. condemn
- 119. damn
- 120. hymn

O

- 121. jeopardy
- 122. leopard
- 123. people

P

- 124. pseudoscience
- 125. psychiatrist
- 126. psychic
- 127. psychology
- 128. pneumatic
- 129. pneumonia
- 130. pterodactyl
- 131. coup
- 132. cupboard
- 133. raspberry
- 134. receipt

R

- 135. fork (in UK English)
- 136. start (in UK English)

137.star
(usually silent in UK English)

138.teacher
(usually silent in UK English)

S

139.aisle

140.bourgeois

141.debris

142.island

143.isle

T

144.catch

145.stitch

146.sketch

147.watch

148.witch

149.christen

150.fasten

151.listen

152.ballet

153.buffer

154.gourmet

155.asthma (the **H** is also silent)

156.Christmas

157.mortgage

158.soften

159.often (optional)

U

160.colleague

161.guard

162.guest

163.guide

164.guitar

W

165.wrap

166.wrinkle

167.wrist

168.write

169.wrong

170.who

171.whomever

172.whole

173.answer

174.sword

175.two

X

176.faux

Y

177.prayer

178.mayor

Z

179.laissez-faire

180.rendezvous