

TIP

Use the following rules to help you spell words with silent consonants:

- Silent **t** often comes before **en** or **le**, as in fasten and castles.
- Silent **b** often comes before **t**, as in debt, or after **m**, as in crumbs.
- Silent **n** often follows **m**, as in hymns.
- Silent **k** often comes before **n**, as in knickers.
- Silent **gh** often follows **i**, as in eyesight.

LIST WORDS

1. *doubt*
2. *knickers*
3. *tombstone*
4. *lightning*
5. *debt*
6. *softener*
7. *almighty*
8. *solemn*
9. *fasten*
10. *whistling*
11. *castles*
12. *column*
13. *hymns*
14. *eyesight*
15. *listening*
16. *plumber*
17. *playwright*
18. *condemn*
19. *moisten*
20. *crumbs*

Spelling Practice

Words with Silent Consonants

Write each **list word** in the category that tells what silent consonant or consonants it contains.

silent **b**, as in thumb

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____

silent **n**, as in autumn

6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

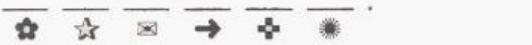
silent **k**, as in knife

10. _____

Solve the Code

Use the code to complete the sentences.

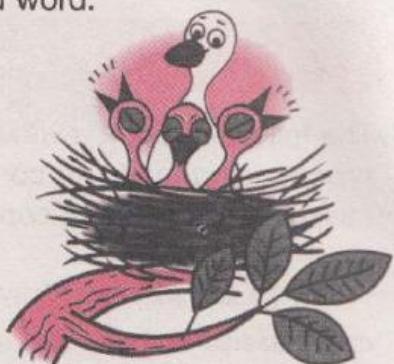
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W
❧ ● ♡ + ♦ ↗ ♡ ▲ π ♦ ■ ☒ + ⚡ ▲ ↘ ♦ ✎ ▾ + ✎ ✎

1. She won the  contest when her opponent stopped to  his lips.
2. A row of straight-faced people can be called a 
3.  illuminated the message on the hermit's  : "Go away."
4. There is no  : If you don't clean your room, the board of health will  it.
5. Oh, no—the  mixed up the water  with the fabric  !

Comparing Words

Study the relationship between the first two underlined words. Then, write a **list word** that has the same relationship with the third underlined word.

1. poem is to poet as play is to _____
2. birds are to nests as kings are to _____
3. vegetables are to peas as songs are to _____
4. shoe is to tie as seatbelt is to _____
5. big is to huge as powerful is to _____
6. music is to hearing as colors are to _____
7. water is to drops as bread is to _____
8. shoes are to sandals as pants are to _____
9. keep is to promise as pay is to _____
10. television is to watching as radio is to _____



Spelling and Writing

Proofreading

The following book review has eight mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to correct them. Then, write the misspelled **list words** correctly on the lines.

There are so many drawings in *The True Book of knights and Castles* that you can spend hours looking at just one page. This book will take you to thirteenth-century europe. You'll see a solum knighthood ceremony. You'll spot an unlucky knight who is in det after losing a joust and you'll learn how knights used to fassin their armor.

Proofreading Marks

- spelling mistake
- ☰ capital letter
- ◎ add period



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____