

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

silent **t**, as in glisten

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

silent **n**, as in autumn

silent **gh**, as in flight

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| 6. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 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
☞	●	✿	+	✧	☞	✿	▲	☞	⊕	■	✉	⊕	☼	☆	☞	▼	✿	✂	■	➔	+	✕

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 Cassels* 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.

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

Proofreading Marks

- spelling mistake
- ≡ capital letter
- ⊙ add period

