

# [h] sound

**[h]** is a **voiceless-fricative-glottal** sound.

- It's most common spelling patterns is the **letter h**: **hat, how, heart, behind**.
- The [h] sound **does not occur at the end** of words in English
- Other common spelling patterns for [h] sound is **wh**: **who, whom, whose, whole**
- When the letter h is after the letters **g, k, r**, it is **silent**: **ghost, khaki, rhubarb**.
- However, the letter h in a great part of the words in English is **silent**, too: **honest, heir, honor, hour, herb**.

Listen and repeat. Be sure to distinguish between the words in each column and to pronounce the consonant sound [h] with a puff of air.

Initial vowel	[h]	[f]	[ʃ]
Eat	Heat	Feet/feat	sheet
Ear	Hear/here	Fear	sheer
Air	Hair	Fare/fair	Share
Ed	Head	Fed	shed
All [ɔ]	Hall	Fall	Shawl
Ease	He's	Fees	She's

Listen and repeat. Pay attention to the words with [h] sound.

1. <b>Hurry</b> up!	
2. <b>Who</b> is it?	
3. <b>Hand</b> in <b>hand</b>	
4. What <b>happened</b> ?	
5. <b>How've</b> you been?	
6. <b>Henry</b> hit a <b>home</b> run	
7. <b>Hellen</b> has brown <b>hair</b>	
8. <b>Hank</b> helped <b>Herbert</b> carry the <b>heavy</b> box.	
9. <b>Heaven</b> helps those <b>who</b> help themselves.	

Select the word in each line where the letter h is silent.

1.	How	House	Vehicle	Hope	Home
2.	Who	Hours	Hit	Horrible	Who
3.	Oh!	Hurt	Behind	Happened	Hospital
4.	Heard	Husband	Half	Honest	Unharmed
5.	Hurry	Helps	Heaven	Hut	honor

**Listening: Fill the conversation with the words you hear. If not sure about spelling, check a dictionary.**

**Hellen:** Hi Ellen.

**Ellen:** Oh, Hellen, have you \_\_\_\_\_ about Henry?

**Hellen:** Who?

**Ellen:** Henry Harris, Hannah's \_\_\_\_\_. He was in a car accident.

**Hellen:** Oh no! What \_\_\_\_\_?

**Ellen:** He had an accident on his way \_\_\_\_\_ from work.

**Hellen:** How awful! Was he \_\_\_\_\_?

**Ellen:** Yeah, he was taken to the \_\_\_\_\_ in an ambulance.

**Hellen:** That's horrible. \_\_\_\_\_ did it happen?

**Ellen:** A vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ him from behind. It happened about \_\_\_\_\_ a mile from his house.

**Hellen:** How horrible! Is he still in the \_\_\_\_\_?

**Ellen:** Yeah, he is having a surgery tomorrow. Poor Hannah! She's \_\_\_\_\_. She's been at the hospital for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hellen:** Was the other driver \_\_\_\_\_, too?

**Ellen:** no, he was completely \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hellen:** I \_\_\_\_\_ Henry will be alright.

**Ellen:** I \_\_\_\_\_ so too.