

Spelling Practice

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Words with silent consonants

**HELPFUL
TIPS**

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

- Silent **t** often comes before **en** or **le**, as in **fasten** or **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. crumbs
2. moisten
3. playwright
4. doubt
5. knickers
6. tombstone
7. condemn
8. whistling
9. debt
10. listening
11. eyesight
12. plumber
13. hymns
14. column
15. almighty
16. softener
17. castles
18. fasten
19. lightning
20. solemn

Write each **list word** in the category that tells what silent consonants 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. _____ | |

Silent k, as in knife.

20. _____

10. _____