

Silent Consonants Test

Part 1 Below you will see phonetic transcriptions of **words that contain silent consonants**. Write the correct spelling of each word on the line provided.

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| 1. /naɪt/ → _____ | 9. /nɒk/ → _____ |
| 2. /'aɪ.lənd/ → _____ | 10. /'tɒm/ → _____ |
| 3. /'fɔːrɪd/ → _____ | 11. /'fɔː.rən/ → _____ |
| 4. /'rɪð.əm/ → _____ | 12. /raɪt/ → _____ |
| 5. /'sɪz.əz/ → _____ | 13. /'aʊtəm/ → _____ |
| 6. /'bɒn.ə(r)/ → _____ | 14. /'kɒl.əm/ → _____ |
| 7. /'ves.əl/ → _____ | 15. /'lɪs.ən/ → _____ |
| 8. /'weð.ə(r)/ → _____ | 16. /'kɑːs.l/ → _____ |

Part 2 Complete the rule by naming the silent consonant(s) that are typically silent in the given position.

- The letter _____ is often silent before t (e.g., *doubt, debt, subtle*).
- The letter _____ is often silent before n (e.g., *knot, knife, knee, know*).
- The letter _____ is often silent in the combination wr (e.g., *write, wrist, wrong, wrestle*).
- The letter _____ is often silent after s at the beginning of a word (e.g., *island, aisle, isle*).
- The letter _____ is often silent before m or n (e.g., *pneumatic, psychology, pneumonia*).
- The letter _____ is often silent in the combination gh (e.g., *high, though, through, sigh*).
- The letter _____ is often silent in words *could, should, would, half, calf*.
- The letter _____ is often silent in the combination mn (e.g., *autumn, column, solemn, hymn*).

Part 3 Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the word bank. Pay attention to the context and spelling.

Word Bank: *exhaust, design, kneading, crumbs, solemn, wrinkles, wrestle, thorough, heir, knocked, ghost, rhythm, whistle, foreign, limb, doubt, answer, sword, castle, autumn*

- The architect presented the new _____ for the modern art museum.
- After baking bread, she swept the _____ off the kitchen table.
- The old sailor's face was full of _____ from years in the sun and wind.
- The children had to _____ with the difficult math problem for a long time.
- The chef was _____ the dough to make fresh pasta.
- A _____ silence fell over the crowd as they remembered the fallen soldiers.
- He is the sole _____ to his grandfather's vast fortune.
- The long and _____ investigation finally uncovered the truth.
- The _____ of the drums was fast and exciting.
- She heard a faint _____ coming from the old house.
- He felt a _____ of a chance that she would say yes.
- The knight drew his _____ to defend the _____ gates.
- The _____ leaves were beautiful shades of red and gold.
- Learning a _____ language can be challenging.
- He broke a _____ while climbing the old tree.

Part 4: Dictation

Listen to a short text three times. Listen carefully and write it down in the space below. Pay special attention to words with silent consonants.