

### Silent "K" Words

| Word    | Meaning                               |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| knife   | a tool for cutting                    |
| knock   | to hit a door to get attention        |
| knee    | the joint in the middle of your leg   |
| knot    | a loop of rope or string tied tightly |
| know    | to have knowledge about something     |
| knit    | to make clothing using yarn           |
| knight  | a soldier from the Middle Ages        |
| kneel   | to go down on your knees              |
| knuckle | the joint of a finger                 |

### Silent "H" at the Beginning

| Word                   | Meaning                                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| hour                   | 60 minutes                                         |
| honest                 | truthful, sincere                                  |
| honor (honour)         | respect or high esteem                             |
| heir                   | a person who will inherit something                |
| honesty                | the quality of being honest                        |
| honorable (honourable) | deserving respect                                  |
| honorary               | given as an honor (without the usual requirements) |

### Silent "W" at the Beginning

| Word    | Meaning                                       |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------|
| write   | to form letters or words on paper             |
| writer  | a person who writes                           |
| wrong   | not correct                                   |
| wring   | to twist or squeeze something                 |
| wrist   | the joint between the hand and the arm        |
| wreck   | a destroyed or ruined thing (e.g., car wreck) |
| wrap    | to cover something (e.g., gift wrap)          |
| wrench  | a tool for tightening bolts                   |
| wrestle | to fight by holding or grappling              |

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### Silent "GH"

| Word     | Meaning                    |
|----------|----------------------------|
| high     | tall, elevated             |
| light    | opposite of dark           |
| night    | time when it's dark        |
| right    | correct or direction       |
| fight    | to battle or struggle      |
| bright   | full of light              |
| daughter | a female child             |
| through  | from one side to the other |
| though   | even if, however           |
| bought   | past tense of <i>buy</i>   |
| caught   | past tense of <i>catch</i> |
| thought  | past tense of <i>think</i> |
| weigh    | to measure weight          |
| neighbor | person who lives near you  |
| eight    | the number 8               |

| Word   | Meaning                                    |
|--------|--------------------------------------------|
| laugh  | to express happiness                       |
| cough  | to expel air from the lungs suddenly       |
| enough | sufficient                                 |
| rough  | not smooth                                 |
| tough  | strong, difficult                          |
| trough | a long, narrow container for animals' food |

### Silent "L" before K

| Word  | Meaning                              |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
| walk  | to move on foot                      |
| talk  | to speak                             |
| chalk | a soft white writing material        |
| folk  | people (as a group)                  |
| yolk  | the yellow part of an egg            |
| stalk | a plant stem, or to follow secretly  |
| balk  | to stop suddenly and refuse to go on |

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### Silent "B" after M

| Word  | Meaning                                   |
|-------|-------------------------------------------|
| thumb | finger used for gripping                  |
| comb  | tool for brushing hair                    |
| climb | to go up something                        |
| bomb  | an explosive weapon                       |
| lamb  | a baby sheep                              |
| dumb  | not able to speak / not smart (informal)  |
| numb  | can't feel part of your body              |
| crumb | a small piece of bread or cake            |
| tomb  | a burial chamber                          |
| womb  | part of a woman's body where a baby grows |
| plumb | exactly vertical / to measure depth       |
| limb  | an arm or a leg                           |

### Silent "T" (in words related to "FT")

| Word   | Meaning                                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| soften | To make something less hard, less loud, or less severe. |
| often  | To do something many times or frequently.               |
| fasten | To close, tie, or attach something securely.            |

### Silent "L" before F

| Word                     | Meaning                                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| half                     | one of two equal parts                          |
| calf                     | a young cow, or the back part of your lower leg |
| halfway                  | in the middle between two points                |
| halfhearted              | without enthusiasm                              |
| calfless ( <i>rare</i> ) | without a calf (usually about animals)          |

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