

Silent Letters

PHONETICS

Some English words have letters that are not pronounced aloud. For example, the letter **w** is not pronounced in **write** and **k** is not pronounced in **knead**.

Exercise I. Listen to the following words and type the silent letter in the box.

design: 

muscle: 

foreign: 

whistle: 

reign: 

wrap: 

choir: 

salmon: 

aisle: 

Exercise II. Complete the sentences using the words from Exercise I.

1. After Harry heard that _____ he immediately knew it was time to go to Hogwarts.
2. The _____ of Queen Elizabeth has been the longest in British history.
3. Would you like an _____ seat or would you prefer to be by the window?
4. _____ tension can be a sign of stress.
5. _____ the cake in a double thickness of foil.
6. We have _____ practice on Tuesday evening.
7. They wanted to _____ a machine that was both attractive and practical.
8. Thousands of young _____ and trout have been killed by the pollution.
9. Our company trades with many _____ companies.