

[h] sound

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

- It's most common spelling patters is the **letter h.:** **hat, how, heart, behind.**
- The [h] sound **does not occur at the end** of words in English
- Other common spelling patters 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. Hurry up!	
2. Who is it?	
3. Hand in hand	
4. What happened ?	
5. How've you been?	
6. Henry hit a home run	
7. Hellen has brown hair	
8. Hank helped Herbert carry the heavy box.	
9. Heaven helps those who 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.