

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.

1. /nɔɪt/ → _____
2. /'aɪ.lənd/ → _____
3. /'fɔr.ɪd/ → _____
4. /'rɪð.əm/ → _____
5. /'sɪz.əz/ → _____
6. /'ɒn.ə(r)/ → _____
7. /'ves.əl/ → _____
8. /'weð.ə(r)/ → _____

9. /nɒk/ → _____
10. /'tɒm/ → _____
11. /'fɔ:.rən/ → _____
12. /raɪt/ → _____
13. /'aʊtəm/ → _____
14. /'kɒl.əm/ → _____
15. /'lɪs.ən/ → _____
16. /'ka:s.l/ → _____

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

1. The letter _____ is often silent before t (e.g., *doubt, debt, subtle*).
2. The letter _____ is often silent before n (e.g., *knot, knife, knee, know*).
3. The letter _____ is often silent in the combination wr (e.g., *write, wrist, wrong, wrestle*).
4. The letter _____ is often silent after s at the beginning of a word (e.g., *island, aisle, isle*).
5. The letter _____ is often silent before m or n (e.g., *pneumatic, psychology, pneumonia*).
6. The letter _____ is often silent in the combination gh (e.g., *high, though, through, sigh*).
7. The letter _____ is often silent in words *could, should, would, half, calf*.
8. 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

1. The architect presented the new _____ for the modern art museum.
2. After baking bread, she swept the _____ off the kitchen table.
3. The old sailor's face was full of _____ from years in the sun and wind.
4. The children had to _____ with the difficult math problem for a long time.
5. The chef was _____ the dough to make fresh pasta.
6. A _____ silence fell over the crowd as they remembered the fallen soldiers.
7. He is the sole _____ to his grandfather's vast fortune.
8. The long and _____ investigation finally uncovered the truth.
9. The _____ of the drums was fast and exciting.
10. She heard a faint _____ coming from the old house.
11. He felt a _____ of a chance that she would say yes.
12. The knight drew his _____ to defend the _____ gates.
13. The _____ leaves were beautiful shades of red and gold.
14. Learning a _____ language can be challenging.
15. 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.