

English Pronunciation: Silent Letters

Level A2 · Lesson 1

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Language Focus: Silent Letters

A **silent letter** is a letter that we write but do **not** pronounce. English has many words like this, and they often follow patterns you can learn.

Silent Letter	Pattern	Examples
K	kn- at the start of a word	knife, know, knee
B	-mb or -bt at the end of a word	comb, climb, doubt
W	wr- at the start of a word (or before some consonants)	write, wrong, answer
L	before k, f, m, or in some modal verbs	walk, half, calm, would

Tip: Silent letters are about spelling history, not logic — the best way to learn them is to listen to each word and notice which letter disappears.

Exercise 1: True or False (8 points)

1. "knife" has a silent K. True / False
2. "write" has a silent K. True / False
3. "comb" has a silent B. True / False
4. "walk" has a silent B. True / False
5. "know" has a silent K. True / False
6. "climb" has a silent W. True / False
7. "wrong" has a silent W. True / False
8. "half" has a silent K. True / False

Exercise 2: Multiple Choice (8 points)

Circle the silent letter in each word.

1. **knee** a) B b) K c) W d) L
2. **thumb** a) L b) B c) K d) W
3. **wrist** a) K b) L c) W d) B
4. **talk** a) W b) K c) B d) L
5. **knock** a) L b) K c) B d) W
6. **lamb** a) K b) W c) B d) L
7. **wrap** a) B b) L c) K d) W
8. **calm** a) K b) B c) L d) W

Exercise 3: Matching (8 points)

Say each word aloud. Write **a**, **b**, **c**, or **d** next to each word to show its silent letter.

a) Silent K **b)** Silent B **c)** Silent W **d)** Silent L

Word	Silent Letter (a, b, c, or d)
1. knight	_____
2. doubt	_____
3. sword	_____
4. would	_____
5. knot	_____
6. debt	_____
7. answer	_____
8. should	_____

Exercise 4: Word Sort (12 points)

Write each word in the correct box: knife, know, knee, comb, climb, thumb, write, wrong, wrap, walk, talk, half.

Silent K	Silent B	Silent W	Silent L

Exercise 5: Gap Fill (8 points)

Write K, B, W, or L to show the silent letter in each word.

1. "**knock**" → silent letter: _____

2. "**lamb**" → silent letter: _____

3. "**wrist**" → silent letter: _____

4. "**calm**" → silent letter: _____

5. "**knot**" → silent letter: _____

6. "**debt**" → silent letter: _____

7. "**sword**" → silent letter: _____

8. "**could**" → silent letter: _____

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Exercise 1: True or False — Answers

1. "knife" has a silent K. — **True**
2. "write" has a silent K. — **False**
3. "comb" has a silent B. — **True**
4. "walk" has a silent B. — **False**
5. "know" has a silent K. — **True**
6. "climb" has a silent W. — **False**
7. "wrong" has a silent W. — **True**
8. "half" has a silent K. — **False**

Exercise 2: Multiple Choice — Answers

1. **knee** — correct answer: **b) K**
2. **thumb** — correct answer: **b) B**
3. **wrist** — correct answer: **c) W**
4. **talk** — correct answer: **d) L**
5. **knock** — correct answer: **b) K**
6. **lamb** — correct answer: **c) B**
7. **wrap** — correct answer: **d) W**
8. **calm** — correct answer: **c) L**

Exercise 3: Matching — Answers

- knight — **a) Silent K**
- knot — **a) Silent K**
- doubt — **b) Silent B**
- debt — **b) Silent B**
- sword — **c) Silent W**

answer — **c) Silent W**

would — **d) Silent L**

should — **d) Silent L**

Exercise 4: Word Sort — Answers

Silent K: knife, know, knee

Silent B: comb, climb, thumb

Silent W: write, wrong, wrap

Silent L: walk, talk, half

Exercise 5: Gap Fill — Answers

1. knock — **Silent K**

2. lamb — **Silent B**

3. wrist — **Silent W**

4. calm — **Silent L**

5. knot — **Silent K**

6. debt — **Silent B**

7. sword — **Silent W**

8. could — **Silent L**