

Silent Letters

Directions

1. Remind your child that many words have letters that are not pronounced. For example, in the word **knock**, the **k** is not pronounced; it is silent. Other examples of **silent letters** include the **b** in **lamb**, the **w** in **write**, and the **t** in **listen**.
2. Cut apart the header cards (Silent, Not Silent) and place face up in a row.
3. Cut apart the word cards and place face down in a stack.
4. Provide your child with the activity sheet. Ask your child to:
 - Select the top word card and read it. Help your child blend the sounds together to read words, if needed.
 - Decide if there is a silent letter in the word. Place the word under the Silent or Not Silent header card.
 - Write the word in the appropriate column on the activity sheet. If there is a silent letter in the word, circle it.
 - Discuss the meaning of any unknown words.

Example

The diagram illustrates the silent letters activity. It shows header cards for "silent" and "not silent", word cards for "comb" and "habit", and a stack of word cards with "know" on top. An arrow points from the "know" card to the "silent" header. To the right is a "Silent Letters Activity Sheet" with two columns: "Silent" (with the instruction "Circle the silent letters.") and "Not Silent". The word "comb" is written in the first row of the "Silent" column with the "b" circled, and "habit" is written in the first row of the "Not Silent" column.

Silent Circle the silent letters.	Not Silent
comb	habit

Key

Silent	Not Silent
comb	habit
know	speak
walk	salt
wrench	water
doubt	pretzel
science	absent
gnaw	lemon
honor	week
column	born
receipt	belt
island	most
sign	silent

Silent Letters Activity Sheet

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silent

not silent

header cards



comb

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wrench

word cards



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