

Jolly Phonics

Silent Sounds

Some letters in words are silent. This means that you read words without pronouncing these letters. Just imagine that these letters are not there.

Examples of silent letters:

‘c’ ‘k’ ‘w’ ‘h’ ‘b’

These can be found at the beginning, middle and end of words.

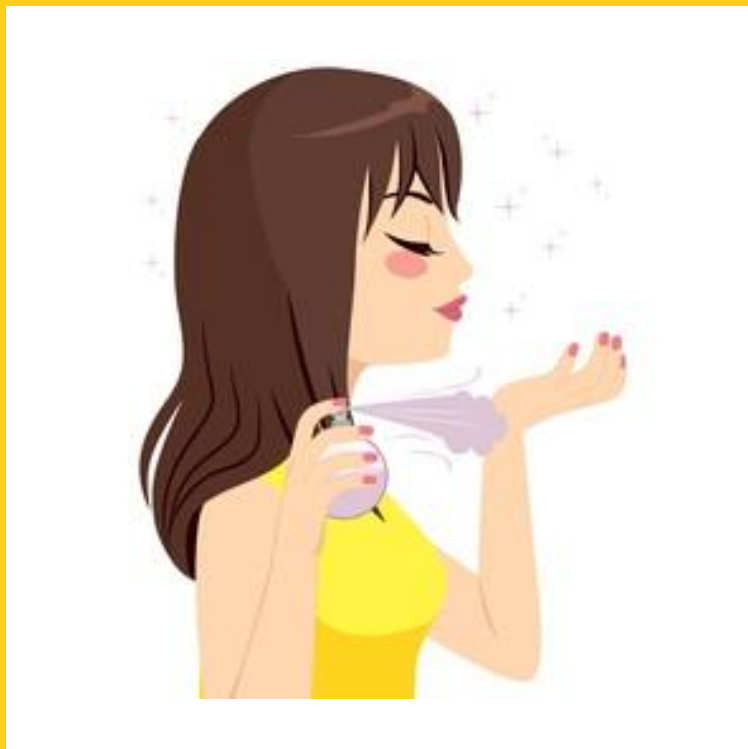
Silent 'c'

This is mostly found straight after 's', at the beginning and in the middle of words.

Making a 'sssss' sound.

It usually looks like this – 'sc'

Can you read the silent /c/ words?



scent



muscle



scissors

Silent 'k'

This is mostly found at the beginning of words and before 'n'. Making a 'nnnn' sound.

It usually looks like this – 'kn'

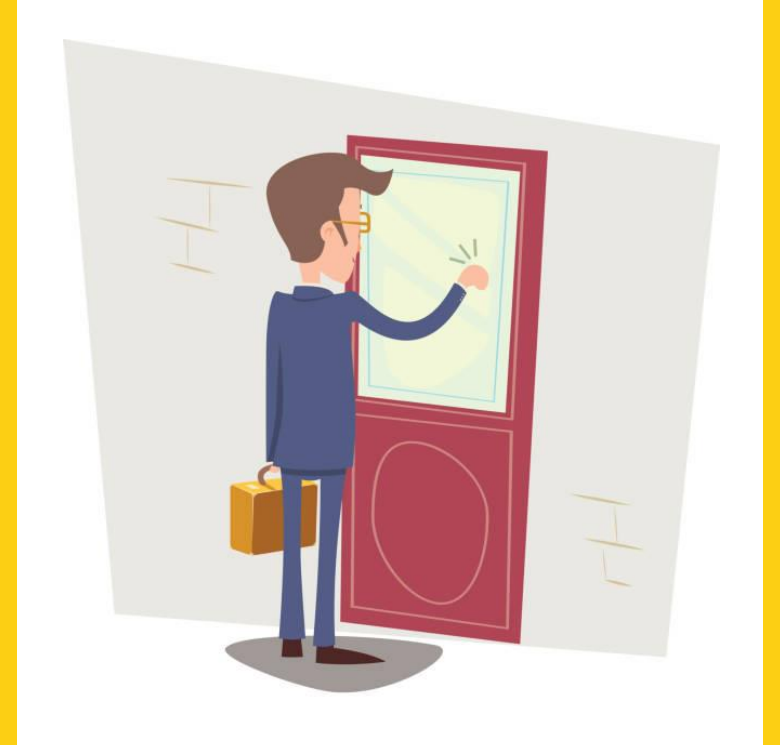
Can you read the silent /k/ words?



knight



knee



knock

Silent 'w'

This is mostly found at the beginning of words and before 'r'. Making a 'rrrrrr' sound.

It usually looks like this – 'wr'

Can you read the silent /w/ words?



wrap



wreck



write

Silent 'h'

This can be found in the beginning and middle of words. It is usually before a vowel.

It usually looks like this – 'h'

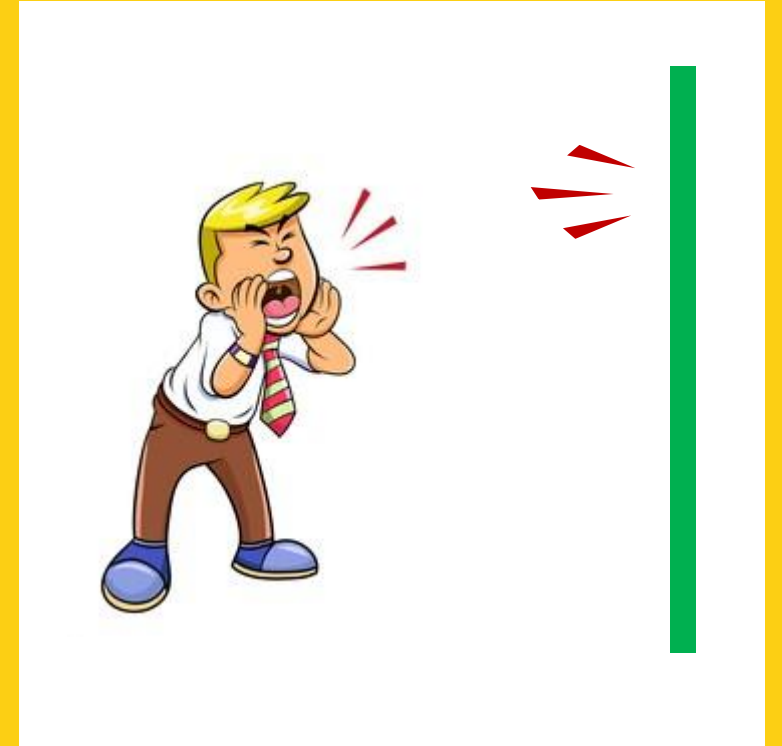
Can you read the silent /h/ words?



hour



honest



echo

Silent 'b'

This can be found in the middle and end of words. It is usually after a 'm'. Making a 'mmm' sound.

It usually looks like this – 'mb'

Can you read the silent /b/ words?



lamb



thumb



plumber