



Dear Parents,

You're on the spelling team! We appreciate it!

In this activity, your child explores words with silent consonants. Many of these words are derivations of words from other languages, but the foreign sounds are not easily said in English. We modify the sounds when we say the words, but the spellings remain the same.

Words with silent consonants are often a challenge for the careful speller. Frankly, many of them just simply need to be memorized!

First, have fun creating more stanzas of this silly silent consonant rhyme with your child. Then engage your child in the word find below.

If I spell it *daughter*, do I swim in the *waughter*? (water!)

If I spell it *shepherd*, are there spots on a *lepherd*? (leopard!)

If I spell it *sign*, will we think that's just *fign*? (fine!)

If I spell it *knight*, does the wind carry my *kight*? (kite!)

If I spell it ...

Find and underline words with silent consonants—w, t, b, k, l, h, g, gh, s, n. Keep looking until you find forty-six!

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 seightdtukdlkjnealdfdesscolumnovbdepsalmonpdkdoerdfwrenchdkda
 knobjxczzhwringdeidhourcclrtjislandesdfkylefolkskerhubarbdkewim
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Next, have your child make a word find game like above. Then you or another child can complete it!



Dear Parents,

Silent consonants are the focus of this activity. Because they cannot be heard when the words are said, the writer must simply remember them.

Have your child read the directions and explain what is expected. As you guide your child through the exercise, discuss meanings of unfamiliar words. Later, use them in conversations with your child to ensure understanding.

Match the silent-consonant words to the descriptions. Write the words and circle the silent consonants.

SILENT-CONSONANT WORDS

answer	exhibit	hymn	salmon	thoroughly
autumn	ghost	island	shepherd	whole
bought	glistening	knack	sign	wrath
calf	graham	limb	solemn	wreath
castle	half	neighbor	straight	wren
cologne	haughty	plumber	subtle	wrestle
column	honest	rhetoric	succumb	wrinkled
daughter	hour	rhythm	sword	wrong

DESCRIPTIONS

1. opposite of question _____	21. opposite of deceitful _____
2. fight _____	22. garland _____
3. watches the sheep _____	23. arrogant _____
4. isle _____	24. white phantom _____
5. musical beat _____	25. kind of fish _____
6. kind of cracker _____	26. oratory _____
7. shining _____	27. opposite of incompletely _____
8. baby cow _____	28. display _____
9. song _____	29. part of a tree _____
10. opposite of smooth _____	30. palace _____
11. saber _____	31. opposite of right _____
12. rhymes with drummer _____	32. sixty minutes _____
13. season _____	33. lives nearby _____
14. pillar _____	34. opposite of son _____
15. rage _____	35. talent _____
16. past tense of buy _____	36. kind of bird _____
17. opposite of obvious _____	37. opposite of crooked _____
18. surrender _____	38. poster or banner _____
19. perfume _____	39. 50% less than whole _____
20. somber _____	40. homophone of hole _____