



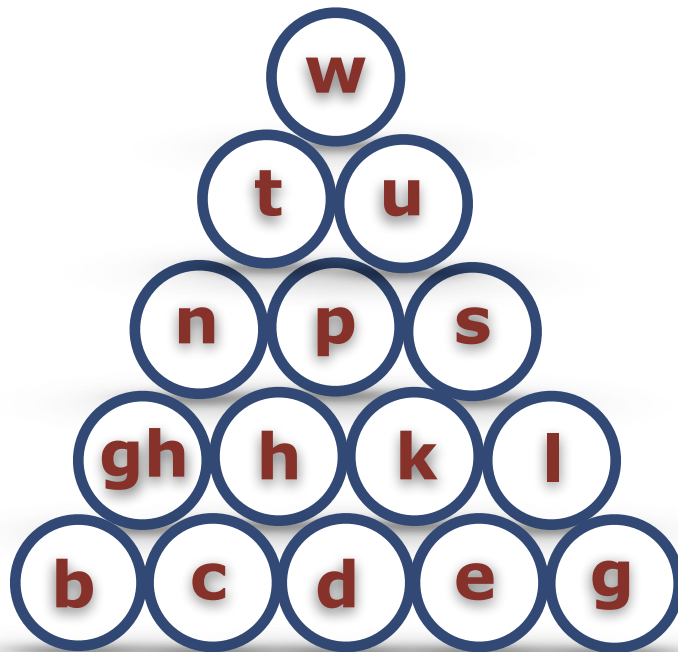
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The Sounds of English

Basic English pronunciation

-Silent Letters-

Part 1



The Sounds of English

Silent Letters

b

B is silent after **M** at the end of a word

B is silent before **T** at the end of a word

thumb



crumb



comb



doubt



debt



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C is silent with **SC** combinations

scissors



muscle



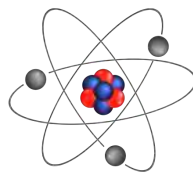
fasciating



scent



science



ascend



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D is silent in **DG** combination

D is silent in some common words

edge



badge



bridge



handsome



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

handkerchief



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The **E** at the end of a word makes the **vowel** sound **long**

The **E** makes the **g** **soft**

kite



gate



bone



wage



stage



rage



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g

G is silent before an **N**

foreign



champaign



cognac



sign



align



campaign



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gh

GH is silent after **au** and **after a vowel**

GH has an **“f”** sound in some words

weight



light



right



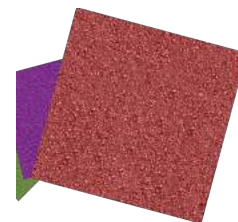
daughter



laugh



rough



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h

No rules. Learn the words :)

chemistry



school



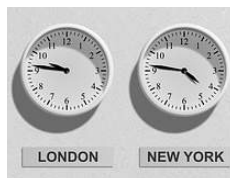
exhaust



choir



hour



vehicle



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Words with 'kn' have a silent 'k'

knob



knowledge



knife



knead



knee



knock





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Summary



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is silent before **T** at the end of a word
is silent after **M** at the end of a



c

is silent with **SC** combination



d

is silent in **DG**
is silent in some common words



e

at the end of a word makes the **vowel** sound long
makes the **g** soft



g

is silent before an **N**



gh

is silent after **au** and after a **vowel**
has an “**f**” sound in some common words



h

No rules. Learn the words :)



k

Words with ‘**kn**’ have a silent ‘**k**’