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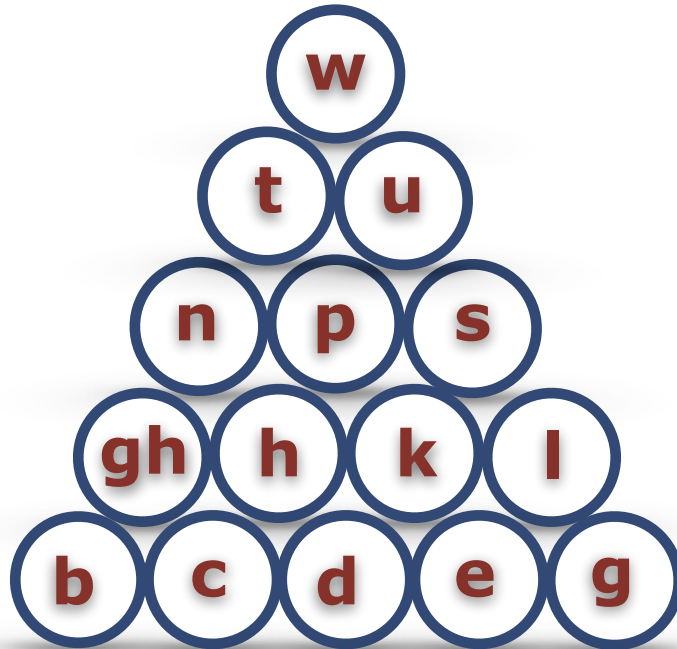
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# The Sounds of English

## Basic English pronunciation

*-Silent Letters-*

*Part 2*



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## Silent Letters



**L** is not pronounced after the vowels **A, O** and **U**

**talk**



**salmon**



**shouldn't**



**yolk**



**calf**



**folk**



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## Silent Letters



**N** is not pronounced after “**m**” at the end of a word

autumn



lymn



column



damn



solemn



condemn



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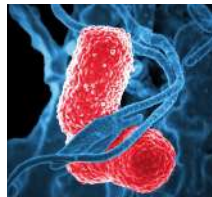
**P** is silent when a word begins with **ps** or **pn**

**P** is sometimes silent in the middle of a word

**p**sychic



**p**neumonia



**p**sychedelic



**p**sychology



**c**up**p**oard



**r**asp**p**erry



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**S** is silent **before L** in some words

**S** is silent in some common words

**island**



**aisle**



**Illinois**



**Arkansas**



**debris**



**bourgeoi**



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**T** is silent in some common words

**castle**



**gourmet**



**listen**



**ballet**



**rappor**t



**whistle**

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**U** is silent when it comes before a **vowel**

**U** is silent when it comes after **G**

baguette



guard



tongue



colleague



circuitu



guide



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W is silent **before R** at the end of a word

write



wrestle



who



answer



sword



two







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## Summary

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**L** is not pronounced after the vowels **A, O** and **U**



**n** is not pronounced after “**m**” at the end of a word



**p** is silent when a word begins with **ps** or **pn**  
is sometimes silent in **the middle of a word**



**s** is silent in some **common words**



**t** is silent in some **common words**



**u** is silent when it comes after **G**  
is silent when it comes before a **vowel**



**w** is silent **before R** at the end of a word

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