

Test Your Spelling Skills

The Very Quiet World of Silent Letters – Activity 3

Some words in the English language contain letters that are spelt but not pronounced. These are called “silent letters”.

Study the six groups of words below. In each group there is a silent letter which appears in every word. Write down the silent letter in each group:

when rhyme school

hour honest

The silent letter is: _____

cupboard psychiatrist coup

receipt raspberry

The silent letter is: _____

give different cake

lonely more

The silent letter is: _____

knee knock knife

knowledge knit

The silent letter is: _____

isle chamois island

debris aisle

The silent letter is: _____

Write your own group of words:

The silent letter is: _____

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The silent letter is: k

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The silent letter is: s

Your group of words:

The silent letter is: _____

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