

# Words with Tricky Spelling Patterns

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## Quick Review

Some words have SILENT LETTERS or spellings that do not match the way they sound. Words like **knee**, **write**, **comb**, and **gnat** have letters you do not say. Learn these tricky patterns so you can read the words quickly.

## PRACTICE

Look for the silent or tricky letters. Choose or write the best answer.

1. Which letter is SILENT in the word *knee*?
  - A. k
  - B. n
  - C. e
  - D. none of them
2. Which letter is SILENT in the word *write*?
  - A. t
  - B. r
  - C. w
  - D. i
3. Which letter is SILENT in the word *comb*?
  - A. c
  - B. o
  - C. m
  - D. b
4. Which letter is SILENT in the word *gnat*?
  - A. g
  - B. n
  - C. a
  - D. t



5. The word *two* has a silent letter. Which letter is silent?
- A. t
  - B. w
  - C. o
  - D. none of them
6. Fill in the silent letter to spell the word that means not right: \_\_\_\_ rong  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Fill in the silent letter to spell the body part: \_\_\_\_ numb is wrong, so spell the finger word th \_\_\_\_ mb  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
8. The word *knot* begins with a silent **k**.  
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9. Which word has a SILENT letter?
- A. lamb
  - B. lap
  - C. land
  - D. last
10. Which word begins with a SILENT letter?
- A. kind
  - B. knife
  - C. kite
  - D. king



## Answer Keys

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| Explanations |   |
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| <b>1. A</b>  | In knee the letter <i>k</i> is silent, so the word starts with the <i>n</i> sound.        |
| <b>2. C</b>  | In write the letter <i>w</i> is silent, so the word starts with the <i>r</i> sound.       |
| <b>3. D</b>  | In comb the letter <i>b</i> is silent, so the word ends with the <i>m</i> sound.          |
| <b>4. A</b>  | In gnat the letter <i>g</i> is silent, so the word starts with the <i>n</i> sound.        |
| <b>5. B</b>  | In two the letter <i>w</i> is silent, so the word sounds like <i>too</i> .                |
| <b>6. w</b>  | Wrong begins with a silent <i>w</i> before the <i>r</i> .                                 |
| <b>7. u</b>  | The word thumb has a silent <i>b</i> at the end, and the missing vowel here is <i>u</i> . |
| <b>8. T</b>  | Knot starts with a silent <i>k</i> , so it sounds like the word <i>not</i> .              |
| <b>9. A</b>  | Lamb has a silent <i>b</i> at the end. The other words have no silent letters.            |
| <b>10. B</b> | Knife begins with a silent <i>k</i> . The other words have a loud <i>k</i> sound.         |



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