

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**.
- T / F**
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

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6
- 7
- 8 T F
- 9 A B C D
- 10 A B C D

Explanations

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



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