

Y5 Silent Letters

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1. Worked example

Spell the word for a baby sheep

Step 1 · Say it: l-a-m

It ends in an 'm' sound

Step 2 · After m, a silent b often hides

lam + b

Answer: lamb

Check: Like climb, thumb and comb.

2. Now try one with the steps

Use a related word to find the silent letter in 'sign'

Step 1 · Think of a word in the same family

Step 2 · In signal you can hear the g

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. Add the silent letter: clim_

2. Add the silent letter: _nee

3. Add the silent letter: _rap

4. Add the silent letter: lis_en

5. Add the silent letter: autum_

6. Add the silent letter: _onest

7. Add the silent letter: i_land

8. Add the silent letter: dou_t

9. Which letter is silent in 'thistle'?

10. Which letter is silent in 'solemn'?

11. Correct the spelling: 'The nite rode a horse.'

12. Correct the spelling: 'Clap the rithm.'

13. Give a related word that helps you remember the g in 'design'.

14. Explain how a related word can help you spell a word with a silent letter.

4. Before you hand it in

lam, thum, clim

lamb, thumb, climb: m at the end often hides a b.

nife, rong, rist

knife, wrong, wrist: kn- and wr- often start a word.

colum, autum, solem

column, autumn, solemn: use columnist, autumnal to hear the n.

iland, dout

Learn them: island, doubt, debt. Say them 'as spelt' to remember: is-land, dou-b-t.