



Year 5 English Distance Teaching and Learning

Week beginning: 8.6.20

Lesson 5

Learning Intention
WALT spell words with silent letters

Key Vocabulary:
Silent letters- letters that you can't hear when you say the word, but that are there when you spell the word

What you will need:
Pen
Lined paper/English book
Challenges
Lesson 5 video

Starter

Each sentence below has one word that is incorrect. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

1. The teachers loved their profeshon.
2. Adam produced an eggcelent piece of art work.
3. Gran let them choose a varitey of sweets.
4. They walked quietly through the cemetry.
5. Cycling is better for the enviromant than driving.
6. The teacher was extremely thorough when marking.
7. The boxer looked very agresive.
8. "My next door neybour is so noisy!" complained John.

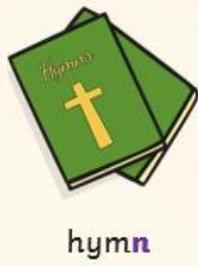
(See Mark Scheme)

Main Teaching

This week, we are going to look at words that contain silent letters.

Many words in English have silent letters. Silent letters are letters that you can't hear when you say the word, but that are there when you spell the word.

Look at the silent letters, b,n,k, in the words below.



This week, we are going to focus on words that contain a silent 'b', silent 'n' or 'k'.

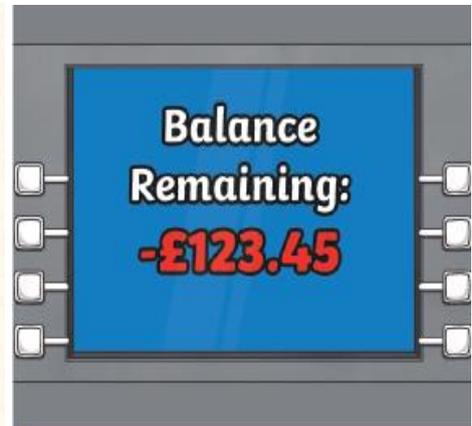
Task 1

Write the silent letter word revealed in the picture. For example:



The silent letter word is **autumn**.

Now, you try with the following 6 pictures.





There are silent letters in some English words because over hundreds of years, we have changed how we pronounce these words, but have kept the spelling.

The spelling tells us how the word used to be pronounced.

For example: knock. In the past, people used to say the word with the k sounded out at the beginning! That would sound very strange to us today!

How Can We Remember How to Spell Words with Silent Letters?

One way to remember the spelling of words with silent letters is to stress the silent letter when you say the word to yourself.

Break the word up and decide how you say it to yourself, to help you remember the spelling.

For example: Wednesday has a silent d.

You could remember how to spell it by saying Wed-nes-day.

A silent **b** occurs after **m**, before **t**.



lamb



thumb



debt



bomb

Task 2

How many words do you know with a silent b? Write them down.

Check in the Mark Scheme for further examples.

How many words with a silent 'n' do you know? Write them down.

Check in the Mark Scheme for further examples.

How many with a silent 'k' do you know? Write them down.
Check in the Mark Scheme for further examples.

Independent Tasks

In our challenges today, we are going to practise our spellings and handwriting together. Once you have completed one of the challenges, do the wordsearch in Challenge X.

Challenge 1

There was a loud explosion outside that sounded like a _____.
The wolf _____ loudly on the house where Little Red Riding Hood's granny lived.

I accidentally hit my _____ with a hammer when banging a nail into the wall.

In church, the congregation sang the _____ loudly.

There was a sweet _____ jumping merrily in the field.

We went on a long hike in the Lake District and had many hills to _____.

This morning, she tied a _____ in her shoelace so it wouldn't come undone.

He has a _____ for making people laugh with his funny jokes.

knocked knot climb hymns thumb knack lamb bomb

Challenge 2

My leg felt _____ after sitting for a long time on the floor.

I couldn't get the _____ through my hair because of all the knots.

The journalist writes a regular _____ for a national newspaper.

You must see the _____ of Tutankhamen if you ever visit Egypt.

After eating a packet of biscuits, I could see a trail of _____ on the floor.

I decided to _____ down for an hour and get the job done.

It was early _____ and the leaves were turning yellow.

He's been deaf and _____ since birth.

comb crumbs dumb tomb autumn numb knuckle column

Challenge 3

The mood of the meeting turned _____ when the extent of the problem became known.

Political leaders united yesterday to _____ the latest wave of violence.

There's some _____ about his suitability for the job.

His extravagance explains why he is always in _____.

A scan determines the position of the baby in the _____.

Morgan handled the media attention with _____.

Malnourished children are more likely to _____ to infections.

The man grabbed his stick and his _____ before setting off on his journey.

aplomb debt condemn succumb womb solemn knapsack
doubt

Challenge X

Words with Silent Letters

d w k n i g h t k n o t
 c d l a m d o i l b e k
 y s m a f w f u j c u y
 t h u m b d k p q b k p
 c v v r h t o q k b p h
 p z c t i r t g b c p o
 o o o j o g f l g o e v
 j a u t u m n q r l w c
 b q w h h o i d o u b t
 k n u c k l e l a m b g
 q a x n d e b t h n y c
 m z e s o l e m n g a t

doubt
 lamb
 debt
 thumb
 solemn

autumn
 column
 knight
 knuckle
 knot

Review

Underline the letters in the following words:

wrestle debt rhubarb lamb knight guitar gnome

Mark Scheme – Lesson 5

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environment
thorough
aggressive
neighbour

Main Teaching

Task 1



knight



thumb



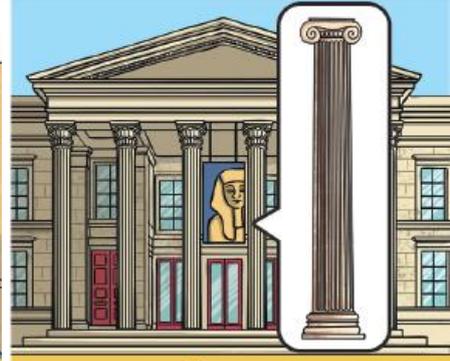
debt



doubt



solemn



column

Task 2

Examples of words with silent 'b': bomb, crumb, doubt, debt, dumb, numb, thumb, lamb, comb, tomb, womb, climb, aplomb, succumb.

Examples of words with a silent 'n': hymn, solemn, autumn, column, condemn.

Examples of words with a silent 'k': knock, knack, knapsack, knickers, knuckle.

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Challenge X

d	w	k	n	i	g	h	t	k	n	o	t
c	d	l	a	m	d	o	k	l	b	e	k
y	s	m	a	f	w	f	n	j	c	u	y
t	h	u	m	b	d	k	u	q	b	k	p
c	v	v	d	h	t	o	c	k	b	p	h
p	z	c	e	i	r	t	k	b	c	p	o
o	o	o	b	o	g	f	l	g	o	e	v
j	a	u	t	u	m	n	e	r	l	w	c
b	q	w	h	h	o	i	d	o	u	b	t
k	n	i	c	k	l	o	l	a	m	b	g
q	a	x	n	d	e	a	t	h	n	y	c
m	z	e	s	o	l	e	m	n	g	a	t

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