## Rules for silent letters

| Silent letter | Rule | Examples |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | - Words that include -ea <br> - Adverbs that end in -ically | - Bread, Head <br> - Basically, logically, tragically |
| B | - After " $m$ " at the end of the word <br> - Before " $t$ " | - Thumb, climb <br> - Doubt, debt |
| C | - After "s" <br> - Before "K" | - Science, scene, fluorescent <br> - Lock, block, back |
| D | - Some common words | - Wednesday, handsome, sandwich |
| E | - At the end of the word | - Make, imagine, hide |
| G | - Before " $n$ " <br> - Dropping " g " in "-ing" | - Design, foreign, align (except: signature, magnet, cognitive..) <br> - Studying, talking, going |
| Gh | - At the end or towards the end of the word | - Night, weight, thorough |
| H | - With "Wh" before a, e, i, y. <br> - Common words | - What, when, where, whale, whisper <br> - Honest, hour, honor |
| K | - Before " n " | - Knee, knight, know, knock |
| L | - Usually after the vowels: $a, o$, and $u$ | - Should, would, palm, yolk, half |
| N | - After " $m$ " at the end of a word | - Autumn, column |
| P | - Initial followed by "s", "n" | - Psychology, Pneumatic, Pneumonia |
| R | - Before all consonants <br> - At the end of the word | - First, park, part <br> - Four, brother, weather |
| T | - In "-sten", "-stle", "-ften" | - Fasten, listen, castle, whistle, often |
| $\mathbf{U}$ | - After " g " <br> - Common words | - Guide, guard, quest, monologue, tongue <br> - Build, circuit, biscuit, laugh |
| W | - Initial before " r " <br> - Initial before " h " <br> - Common words | - Write, wrap, wrong <br> - Who, whom, whose <br> - Two, answer, sword |

