Rules for silent letters

Silent letter	Rule	Examples
A	Words that include -ea	Bread, Head
	Adverbs that end in -ically	Basically, logically, tragically
В	After "m" at the end of the wordBefore "t"	Thumb, climbDoubt, debt
C	After "s"Before "K"	• Science, scene, fluorescent
D	Before "K"Some common words	Lock, block, backWednesday, handsome, sandwich
E	At the end of the word	 Make, imagine, hide
G	Before "n"	Design, foreign, align (except:
9	• Dropping "g" in "-ing"	signature, magnet, cognitive)
	210pping g in ing	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.	• What, when, where, whale,
	Common words	whisper
		• 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	• First, park, part
	At the end of the word	• Four, brother, weather
T	• In "-sten", "-stle", "-ften"	• Fasten, listen, castle, whistle, often
U	• After "g"	• Guide, guard, quest, monologue, tongue
	Common words	Build, circuit, biscuit, laugh
W	Initial before "r"	Write, wrap, wrong
	• Initial before "h"	• Who, whom, whose
	Common words	• Two, answer, sword