



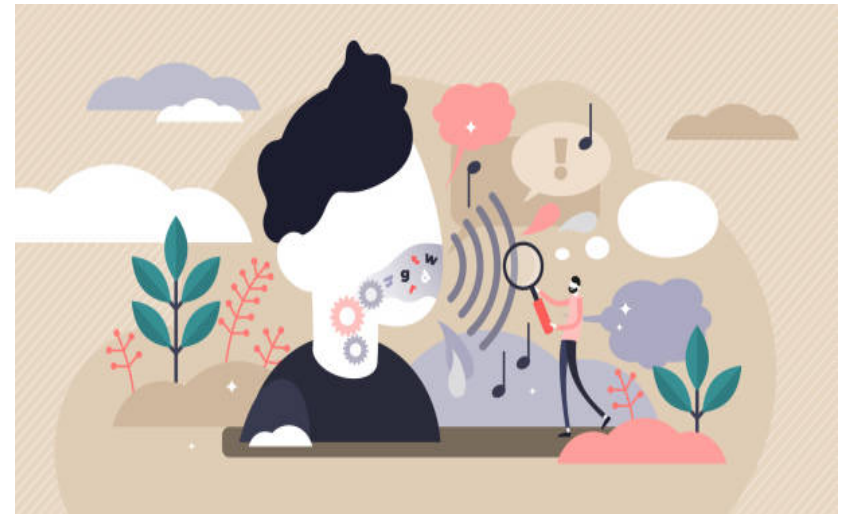
Phonetics

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Content

- What is phonetics?
- Why do we study phonetics?
- Silent letters
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What is phonetics?

- Phonetics is the study of speech sounds.
- Phonetics is the branch of linguistics that examines sounds in a language.
- IPA Symbols (International Phonetic Alphabet)

Think Them

Knife Keep

Called Wanted Asked

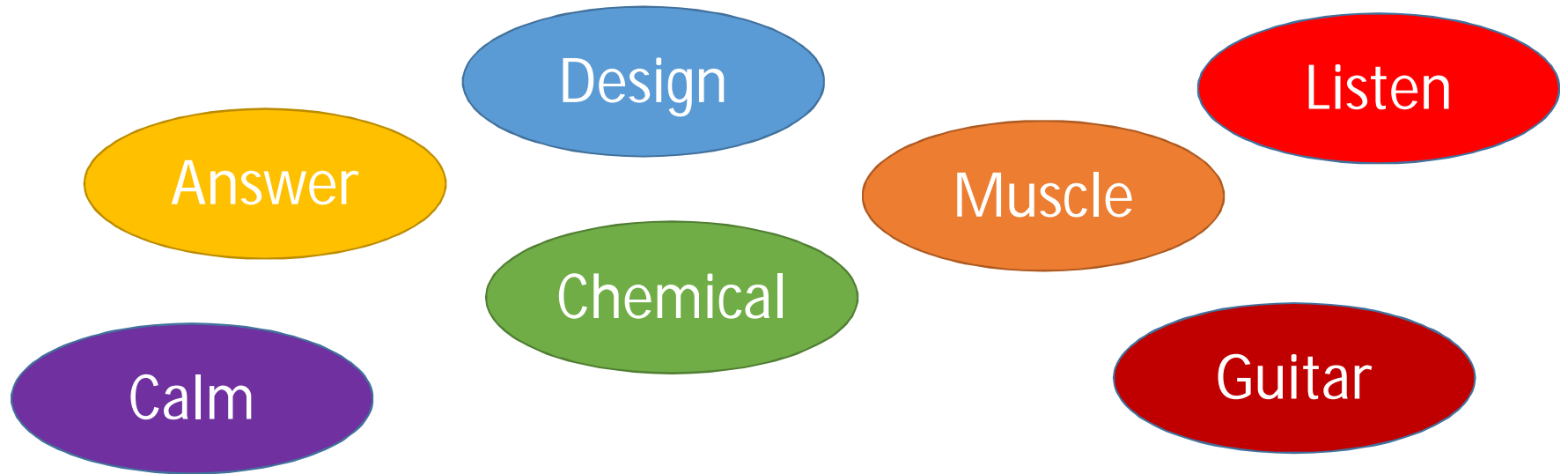
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Examine	: [Ig'zeəmin]
Determine	: [di't3:min]

Why do we study phonetics?

- To be able to understand the speech of other speakers and to be understood as well.
- To improve our English pronunciation.
- To know the right spelling of the words while writing.

Silent letters

- A silent letter is a letter that isn't heard when a particular word is pronounced.



Silent A

- Words that include *-ea*

Bread

Head

- Adverbs that end in *-ically*

Basicall

Logicall

Tragicall

Silent B

- After "m" at the end of the word

Thumb

Climb

- Before "t"

Doubt

Debt

Silent C

- After "s"

Science

Scene

fluorescent

- Before "K"

Lock

Block

Back

Silent D

- Common words

Wednesday

Handsome

Sandwich

Grandma

Grandson

Knowledge

Silent E

- At the end of word

Before^e

Hate^e

Imagine^e




Hide^e

Make^e

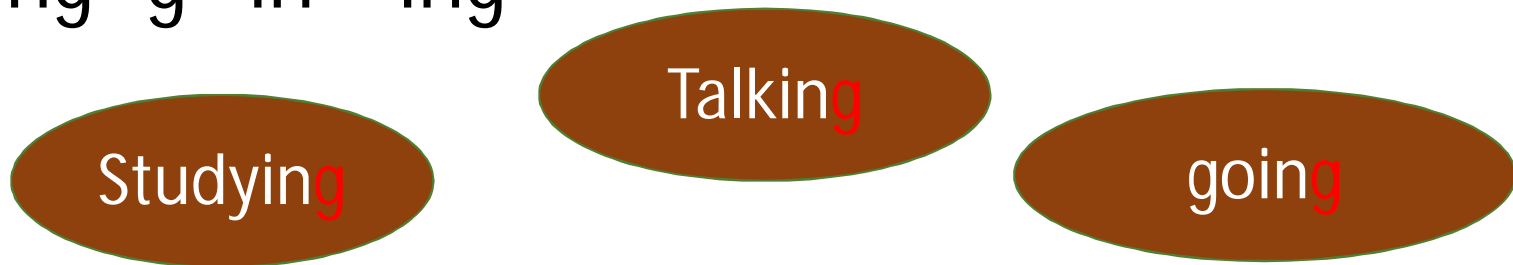
Table^e

- In the word vegetables

Silent G

- Before "n"   
- Except for: signature, cognitive, ignorance, magnet

- Dropping "g" in "-ing"



Silent Gh

- At the end or towards the end of the word

Nigh^t

weigh^t

thorough^h

- "Gh" pronounced as "f"

Tough^h

Enough^h

Cough^h

Laugh^h

Silent H

- With “Wh” before a, e, i, y.

Where

When

Why

What

Whale

Whisper

- Common words

Honestly

Hour

Honor

Silent K

- Before "n"

Knee

Knight

Knife

Knock

Silent L

- Usually after the vowels: A, O, and U

Shou|d

Wou|d

Pa|m

Ha|f

Yo|k

Silent N

- After “m” at the end of a word

Autum**n**

Colum**n**

Silent P

- Initial followed by “s”, “n”

Psychology

Pneumatic

Pneumonia

- “Ph” pronounced as “f”

Elephant

Paragraph

Physiology

Sophia

Telephone

Silent R

- Before all consonants

First

Park

Part

- At the end of the word

Four

Brother

Weather

- Try reading : *My sister parked her car near Harvard Yard*

Silent T

- In “-sten”, “-stle”, “-ften”

Fasten

Listen

Castle

whistle

Often

Silent U

- After "g"

Guard

Monologue

Guest

Tongue

Guide

- Common words

Build

Laugh

Circuit

Biscuit

Silent W

- Initial before "r"

Write

Wrap

Wrong

- Initial before "h"

Who

Whom

Whose

- Common words

Two

Answer

Sword

Exercise

- Read each word and identify the silent letter.

- Dread

Guilt

- Limb

Doubtful

- Knight

Wrinkle

- Moisten

Calm

- Wrote

Condemn

- Could

Comb

Exercise

- Read each word and identify the silent letter.
- Soften
- Know
- Magically
- Lamb
- Nestle

Final “ed”

- In words that end in –**ted** or –**ded** it is pronounced as “**id**”

Wanted

Needed

Dedicated

Decided

Final “ed”

- Voiceless sound + ed = /t/

Voiceless sounds: “p”, “k”, “f”, “ch”, “sh”, “gh”, “s”

Stopped

Asked

Laughed

Washed

Fixed

Watched

Final “ed”

- Voiced sound+ ed= /d/
- Voiced sounds use the vocal cords and produce a vibration in the throat

Travelled

Allowed

Played

Cleaned

Saved

Named

Exercise final “ed”

• is the –ed ending pronounced **–d**, **–t** or **–id**?

• Collected

smoked

• Lived

stopped

• Liked

arrived

• Needed

• Counted

• Started

Exercise final “ed”

- They **thanked** him for the gift.
- Your car is **damaged**.
- We **helped** him in solving his homework.
- I **rented** a small apartment.
- They **walked** for miles.
- She never **wanted** to leave.
- The patient **recovered**.
- It **rained** very hard last weekend.