

**Business English Silent Letters and Syllables Pronunciation Practice Answer Key**

*The column on the left all have silent letters. The column on the right all have syllables that disappear when we are speaking at natural speed.*

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| 1. <u>w</u> rite                      | 1. secondary                        |
| 2. <u>k</u> now                       | 2. monetary union                   |
| 3. an <u>s</u> wer                    | 3. trav <u>e</u> ller               |
| 4. recei <u>p</u> t                   | 4. trav <u>e</u> lling              |
| 5. list <u>e</u> n                    | 5. brand prefer <u>e</u> nce        |
| 6. sign                               | 6. interest rates                   |
| 7. <u>w</u> hole                      | 7. average                          |
| 8. bud <u>g</u> et                    | 8. gener <u>a</u> l                 |
| 9. sci <u>e</u> ntist                 | 9. gener <u>a</u> lly               |
| 10. psych <u>o</u> graphics           | 10. Annual Gener <u>a</u> l Meeting |
| 11. <u>w</u> hite knight              | 11. interest <u>i</u> ng            |
| 12. <u>k</u> nowledge                 | 12. nation <u>a</u> l               |
| 13. mortg <u>a</u> ge                 | 13. nation <u>a</u> lise            |
| 14. deb <u>t</u>                      | 14. nation <u>a</u> lly             |
| 15. deb <u>t</u> or                   | 15. bus <u>i</u> ness interests     |
| 16. foreign exch <u>a</u> ng <u>e</u> | 16. invent <u>o</u> ries            |
| 17. advertising camp <u>a</u> ign     | 17. natur <u>a</u> l                |
| 18. social clim <u>b</u> ing          | 18. territor <u>y</u>               |
|                                       | 19. fact <u>o</u> ry                |
|                                       | 20. corpor <u>a</u> te              |

white-collar worker

resign

weighting

wholesale

office hours

vehicle

government

environmental

half-time job

highly recommended

whistle-blowing

dishonest

exhibition