

Silent Letters- Odd One Out Game

Listen to your partner or teacher read out three words and repeat back the one which is different, explaining why it's different if you can. If you are not sure which one is different, just guess. There are many different reasons, but they are all connected to silent letters:

Circle the one odd one out in each group below, then check as a class.

Try to find patterns in the examples about which letters are silent and why (because of their position, combinations with other letters, etc)

Play the same spotting the odd one out game in groups, taking turns reading out the examples. Make sure that you don't pronounce the silent letters when it's your turn to read them out.



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aquarium	acquaintance	aqueduct
aisle	I'll	isle
artistically	physically	softly
answer	sword	sweet
ascend	assessment	asset
ballet	cadet	bidet
build	bimbo	bingo
blister	Christmas	twister
bomber	lumber	plumber
broom	tomb	womb
buffet	café	resumé
cabaret	chalet	minaret
campaign	complain	champagne
castle	hassle	whistle
climber	combed	member
column	condemn	random
come	dumb	glum
cyclone	psychiatrist	psychology
debt	don't	doubt
diehard	vehicle	yoghurt
exhausted	exhibition	exile
fasten	moisten	tungsten
ghastly	garden	ghost



guardian	guarantee	guava
heir	heirloom	heritage
honest	honour	onwards
hustle	measles	wrestle
iron	ironic	ironing
knee	kneel	neat
knife	knitting	nibble
knock	know	now
lamb	lemon	limb
lessen	listen	loosen
logically	totally	usually
misc.	miscellaneous	musk
muscle	scissors	skipping
musically	quickly	slowly
neutral	pneumatic	pneumonia
rain	rhino	rhyme
receipt	receptionist	reception
sachet	sherbet	sorbet
scene	scent	sceptic
when	where	who
wrap	rep	wrong
rope	wrestle	wrist



Suggested answers

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Underline the silent letter in each word below and then try to think of one more example that has the same silent letter, if possible for the same reason.

artistically

plumber/ debt

acquit/ miscellaneous

campaign

vehicle/ ghastly/ heirloom/ rhino/ when

kneel

condemn

psychiatrist

ironing

aisle

Christmas/ chalet/ castle/ moisten

guarantee

wrestle

Check above, brainstorm or search for more, then compare your other ideas a class.