

Spelling Shed

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Introduction	There are lots of words in the English language that have silent letters. These can occur throughout a word and cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word. Can the children think of any examples?
Main Teaching Activity	Using the power point slide as children to come and circle the silent sound in each of the spelling list words. Discuss the finding and any misconceptions.
Independent Activity	Children work in small groups to spell the words a letter at a time. The first child picks a word from the spelling list and tells the group they then write the first letter of the word. The next child writes the next letter. If the letter is wrong, it is erased and the you start again. The group continues until the word is completed and correct the spelling again.

Which sounds are silent in the words below? Circle them.

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