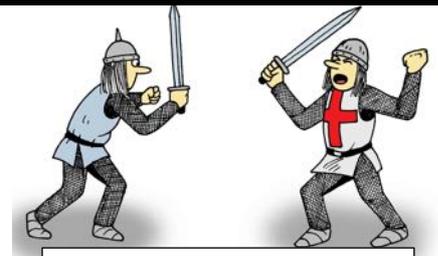


Words with silent letters

Die Weltsprache Englisch hat viele „**Altlasten**“ aus den Ursprungssprachen (Keltisch, Latein, Deutsch, Skandinavisch, Französisch u.a.) übernommen: Altmodische Schreibweisen für Wörter, die heute anders ausgesprochen werden. Ein H vor T erinnert z.B. an das alte deutsche CH; night: Nacht, right: recht, light: Licht.



They fight. - Sie fechten.

Examples of silent letters and words containing them:

B (after "m")

| | |
|--------------|--------|
| lamb | Lamm |
| bomb | Bombe |
| thumb | Daumen |
| comb | Kamm |

B (before "t")

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| debt | Schuld(en) |
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E An „e“ on the end of a word is not usually pronounced. Many words have a silent „e“ on the end. The silent „e“ usually makes the previous (vorangehenden) vowel long, if there is only one consonant between it and the previous vowel:

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| hat | Hut |
| hate | Hass |

G (always before "n")

| | |
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| gnat | Stechmücke |
| gnome | Zwerg |

GH (at the end of a word)

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|---------------|---------------------|
| weigh | wiegen (z.B. 10 kg) |
| though | obwohl |

GH (before t)

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| bright | hell |
| daughter | Tochter |

H (at the beginning of a word) Franz. Altlast

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|---------------|---------|
| honest | ehrlich |
| hour | Stunde |
| heir | Erbe |

H (after r)

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| rhyme | Reim, Vers |
| rhythm | Rhythmus |

K (always before "n") Keltische Altlast

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|---------------|---------|
| knee | Knie |
| knife | Messer |
| knight | Ritter |
| knock | klopfen |

knot
know

Knoten
wissen, können, kennen

L

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|-------------|--------------|
| half | halb, Hälfte |
| calm | ruhig |
| talk | sprechen |

N (after "m") Franz. Altlast

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| autumn | Herbst |
| solemn | feierlich |
| hymn | Hymne |

P (before "s" or "n"). Griech. Altlast

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| pneumonia | Lungenentzündung |
| pseudo | unecht, nicht wirklich |
| psychology | Psychologie |

R (sometimes "r" is not pronounced at the end of a word unless the next word begins with a vowel)

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|-------------------|------------|
| far | weit |
| far enough | weit genug |

S Lat. Altlast

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|---------------|--------------------|
| island | Insel |
| aisle | Gang (im Flugzeug) |

T (usually after "s")

| | |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| whistle | pfeifen |
| castle | Schloss (Dt. auch Kastell) |
| listen | hören |

W (before "r") Dt. Altlast

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|--------------|------------|
| wrong | falsch |
| write | schreiben |
| wrap | einpacken |
| wreck | Wrack |
| wrist | Handgelenk |

W (sometimes before "h")

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|--------------|------|
| who | wo |
| whole | ganz |



Fill in the missing letter:

s.....ience – g....itar – programm..... – girlfr.....end – cu.....board –
w.....ite –ho – w.....at -he.....vy – wa.....k – bre.....kfast –rite –
.....rong – i.....land – Wenesday – ans.....er – balle.... - cas.....le