

Lesson 58: Silent Letters

Phonics Rule: Anytime K comes before N, the K is silent.



Silent K

know	knight	know/ledge	knit
knot	knap/sack	knap	knead
knee	kneel	knell	knelt
knew	knick-knack	knife	knives
knob	knock	knoll	knuckle
kneecap	knock/out	knack	

Note these homophones (words that sound the exactly the same, but have different meanings):

A “nit” is an egg of head lice insects.

To “knit” is to create an article made out of yarn.

(The “silent k” allows you to see the difference in the words.)

“Not” is a negative word, as in I am not angry.

A “knot” is a fastening made by tying two things together.

(The “silent k” shows the difference.)

“No” is a negative word.

To “know” is to be sure about something; to have the facts about something.

The “night” is when the moon and stars shine.

A “knight” is a warrior who is given a military rank of honor.

To “need” is to require something.

To “knead” bread is to press and squeeze the dough before baking.

Phonics Rule: Most of the “Silent B” words come after the letter “M”, as in “comb”, although there are a few words where it comes before a “T.”

Silent B

comb	lamb	limb	climb
bomb	numb	suc/cumb	dumb
dumb/bell	dumb/found	plumb	thumb
plumber	womb	tomb	jamb
crumb			
debt	doubt	subtle	

Silent H as in Honest

honest	heir	hour	ex/haust
honesty	heir/ess	honor	ghost
herb	heir/loom	ex/hib/it	ghet/to
rhythm	rhyth/mic	rhyme	ghoul
school	chem/i/cal	chem/is/try	chaos
hi-tech	tech/ni/cian	arch/i/tect	echo
anchor	chord	char/ac/ter	ache
Pha/raoh	sto/mach	mech/an/ic	what
where	when	why	while
white	an/ni/hil/ate	scheme	which

Silent U as in Guard

guard	guess	guest	guilty
guitar	guild	guise	dis/guise
tongue	di/a/logue	mon/o/logue	bou/tique
cri/tique	phy/sique	an/tique	vogue
rogue	mosque	mos/qui/to	bis/cuit
in/trigue	Mo/nique	col/league	league
vague	ba/guette	fa/tigue	con/quer
con/quer/or	build	building	brogue
plague	morgue	gue/rilla	pro/logue
ep/il/ogue		lemon me/ringue	
ped/a/gogue		syn/a/gogue	cat/a/logue

Silent W as in Wrote

wrote	write	written	wreck
wring	wren	wrapper	wres/tle
writhe	wry	wrap	wrin/kle
wriggle	wrath	wrought	wrench
wretched	wrist	wracked	wrang/ler
wrap-up	wreak	wreath	wroth
wreck/age	wrecker	wrong	wring
wrung	two	writ	own
sword	answer	wrist/watch	

shadow	narrow	willow	borrow
burrow	yarrow	sorrow	snow
to/mor/row	sparrow	window	meadow

Silent P

Psalm	psal/try	psy/chol/o/gy
pseu/do/nym	pneu/mo/nia	psy/che
psy/che/del/ic	psy/chi/at/ry	psy/chi/a/trist
psy/cho/lo/gi/cal	pte/ro/dac/tyl	

Silent L

walk	talk	chalk	balk
calk	stalk	yolk	folk

balm
calm

qualm
folk/lore

alms
talk/a/tive

palm
side/walk

Silent S

Il/lin/ois

Ir/o/quois

Silent G

Par/a/digm

Psalm 139

For the **choir** director: A **psalm** of David.

¹ O Lord, you have examined my heart
and **know** everything about me.

² You **know** when I sit down or stand up.
You **know** my **thoughts** even when I'm far away.

³ You see me when I travel
and when I rest at home.
You **know** everything I do.

⁴ You **know** what I am going to say
even before I say it, Lord.

⁵ You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on
my head.

⁶ Such **know/ledge** is too wonderful



for me,

too great for me to understand!

⁷ I can never escape from your Spirit!

I can never get away from your presence!

⁸ If I go up to heaven, you are there;

if I go down to the grave, you are there.

⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning,

if I dwell by the farthest oceans,

¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,

and your strength will support me.

¹¹ I could ask the darkness to hide me

and the **light** around me to become **night**—

¹² but even in darkness I cannot hide from you.

To you the **night** shines as **bright** as day.

Darkness and **light** are the same to you.

¹³ You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body

and **knit** me together in my mother's **womb**.

¹⁴ Thank you for making me so
won/der/ful/ly complex!

Your work/man/ship is
mar/vel/ous—how well I **know**
it.

¹⁵ You watched me as I was
being formed in utter seclusion,
as I was woven together in



the dark of the **womb**.

¹⁶ You saw me before I was born.

Every day of my life was re/cord/ed in your book.
Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.

¹⁷ How precious are your **thoughts** about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered!

¹⁸ I can't even count them;
they out/number the grains of
sand!

And when I wake up,
you are still with me!

¹⁹ O God, if only you would destroy
the wicked!

Get out of my life, you murderers!

²⁰ They blaspheme you;
your enemies misuse your name.

²¹ O Lord, shouldn't I hate those who hate you?
Shouldn't I despise those who oppose you?

²² Yes, I hate them with total hatred,
for your enemies are my enemies.

²³ Search me, O God, and **know** my heart;
test me and **know** my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of ev/er/last/ing life.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. Is there anywhere in Heaven and Earth that we could go that GOD will not be there?
2. Verse 13 says that GOD “_____me together in my mother’s _____.”
3. Verse 16 says that GOD saw us even while we were in our mother’s womb. Is it possible for people to see babies while they are still in the womb? How?

PROJECT: Do you know anyone who is pregnant? What could you do to welcome the new baby or help the mother? Could you give the mother a book, toy, outfit, or other gift for the baby? Could you learn how to make a blanket for the baby? Could you help the mom clean house or wash her dishes?