

SILENT LETTERS

Silent letters are those which are not pronounced despite being written. Letter "h" is the only one which is silent in the languages of our community. However, the English language has got some more silent letters, unlike Spanish and Valencian. Besides, English "h" is not always silent; in some words, it is **pronounced /h/** [voiceless, glottal, fricative consonant] (like in *hotel, hole, heel, hill, history, happy, hangover...*), which is a lot softer than **Spanish jota /x/**. In English, many letters are silent, and consequently, must not be read or said. Here you have got some examples of English silent letters in brackets.

<i>clim(b), dou(b)t, de(b)t, dum(b), com(b)</i>	<i>mus(c)le</i>	<i>san(d)wich, We(d)nesday, han(d)kerchief</i>
<i>hop(e), driv(e), sit(e), writ(e), gav(e)</i>	<i>forei(g)n, si(g)n, fei(g)n</i>	<i>bou(gh)t, cau(gh)t, tau(gh)t; dau(gh)ter, hei(gh)t, ri(gh)t, li(gh)t; nei(gh)bour, strai(gh)t, throu(gh)</i>
<i>w(h)at, w(h)en, w(h)ere, w(h)y, w(h)ich, w(h)ether</i>	<i>(h)our, (h)eir, (h)onest, (h)onour</i>	<i>(k)nife, (k)now, (k)nock, (k)nee</i>
<i>ta(l)k, ca(l)m, wa(l)k, ha(l)f cou(l)d, wou(l)d, shou(l)d</i>	<i>hym(n), autum(n)</i>	<i>(p)neumatic, (p)neumonia, (p)psychology, (p)psychiatrist, (p)psychotherapy, (p)psychotic</i>
<i>cu(p)board</i>	<i>i(r)on</i>	<i>i(s)le, i(s)land</i>
<i>lis(t)en, fas(t)en, of(t)en, cas(t)le, Chris(t)mas, whis(t)le, this(t)le</i>	<i>g(u)itar, g(u)arantee, g(u)ard, g(u)est, g(u)ess, g(u)ide, g(u)ilt, g(u)itar, g(u)idance</i>	<i>(w)ho, (w)hom, (w)hose, (w)hole, (w)rite, (w)rong, (w)rap, s(w)ord</i>