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## Silent letters ' h ', $\mathbf{~} \mathbf{k}$ '

- Many words in English have silent letters.
- Spoken language changes faster than written language.
- The following words have a letter in them which was probably sounded many years ago but no longer is.
- Silent letters are not sounded but are still needed for accurate spelling.
- Vowels are the letters ' $a$ ', ' $e$ ', ' $i$ ', ' $o$ ', ' $u$ ', all other letters are consonants.

Copy each word, then try to write it without copying. Use the final column to correct any mistakes or to test each group of words.

| (list 5:16) | Practise 1 <br> (copy into space) | Practise 2 <br> (fold and hide) | Can spell word <br> (check and correct) |
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| Spelling tip: | Silent ' ' often follows 'c' (hard 'c' sounding ' $k$ '). |  |  |$|$| character |
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| Spelling tip: | Silent ' h ' often follows ' ${ }^{\prime}$ ' (hard 'c' sounding 'k'). |  |  |
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| ache |  |  |  |
| echo |  |  |  |
| orchid |  |  |  |
| school |  |  |  |
| orchestra |  |  |  |


| Spelling tip: | Silent ' $\mathbf{k}$ ' is always followed by ' $\mathbf{n}$ ' and the ' $\mathbf{n}$ ' is always followed by a vowel. |  |  |
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| knack |  |  |  |
| kneel |  |  |  |
| knight |  |  |  |
| knock |  |  |  |
| knew |  |  |  |

