

Silent Letters

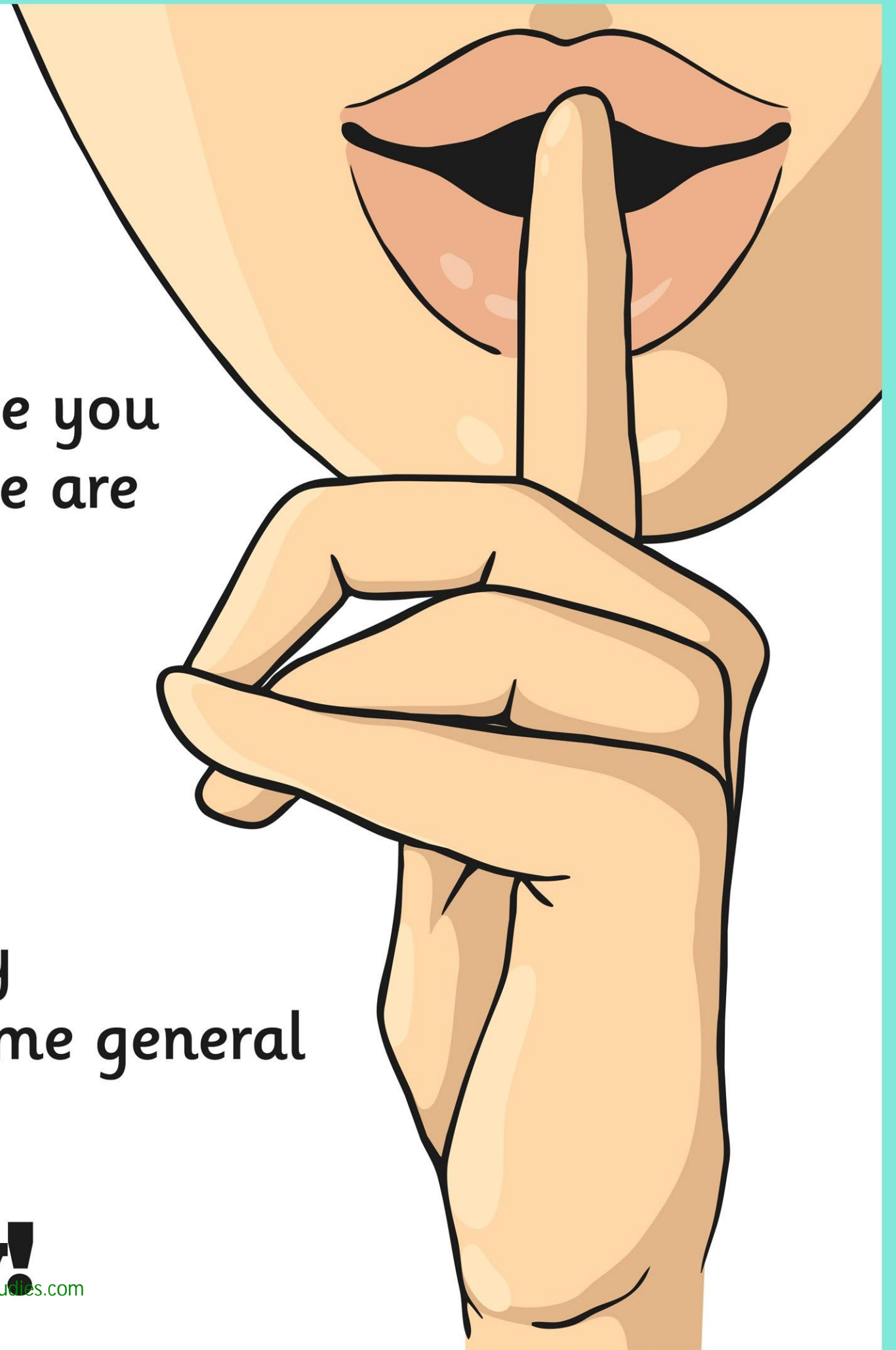
Shhhhh!!!!

Don't mention it to anyone, but have you noticed how many silent letters there are in English spellings?

If we can't hear them, how can we learn to spell them?

It's tricky and there aren't really any hard-and-fast rules, but there are some general **patterns** to look for.

Just remember to do it **silently!**

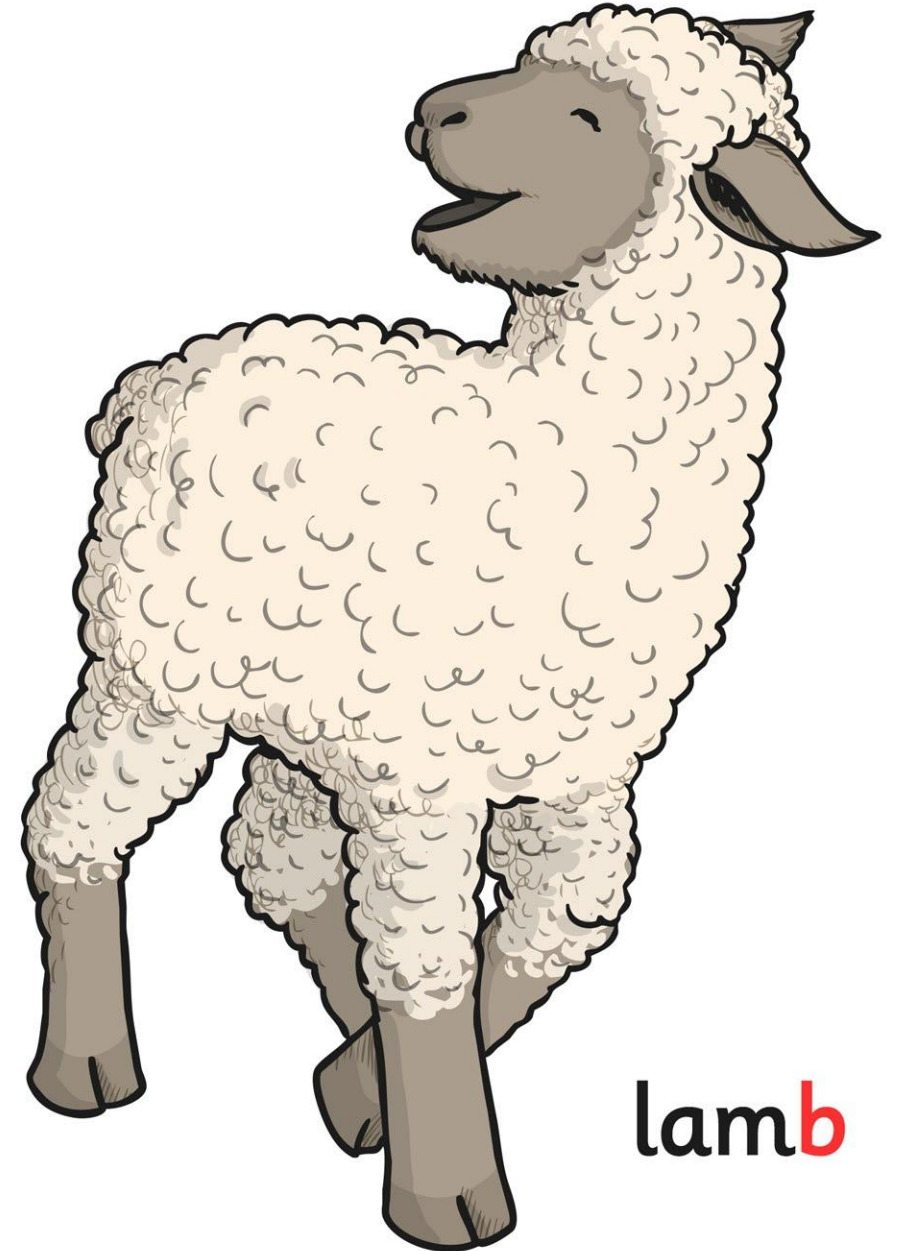


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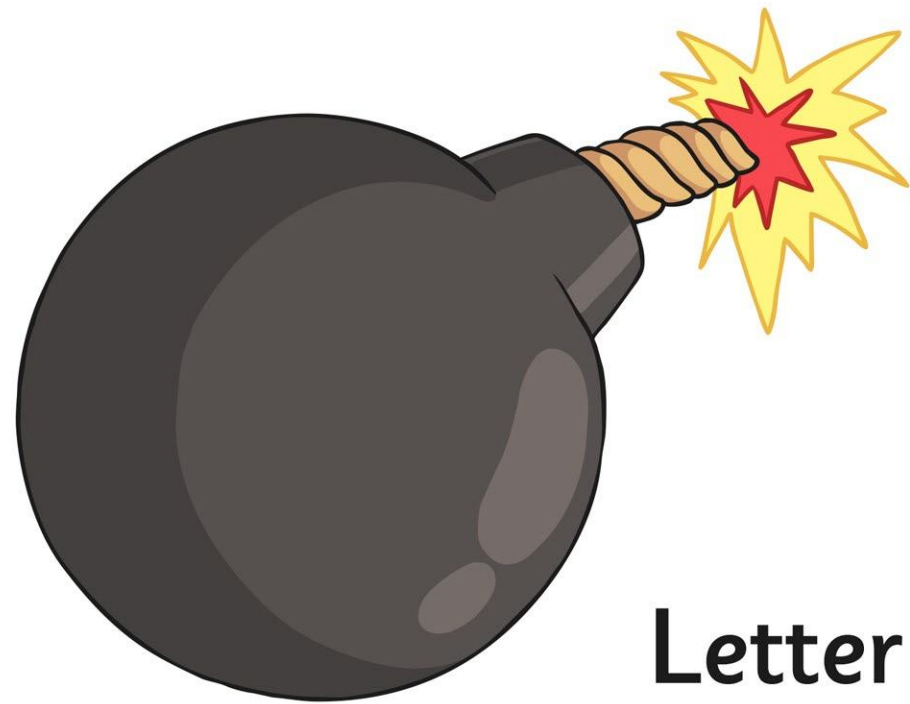


thumb

B



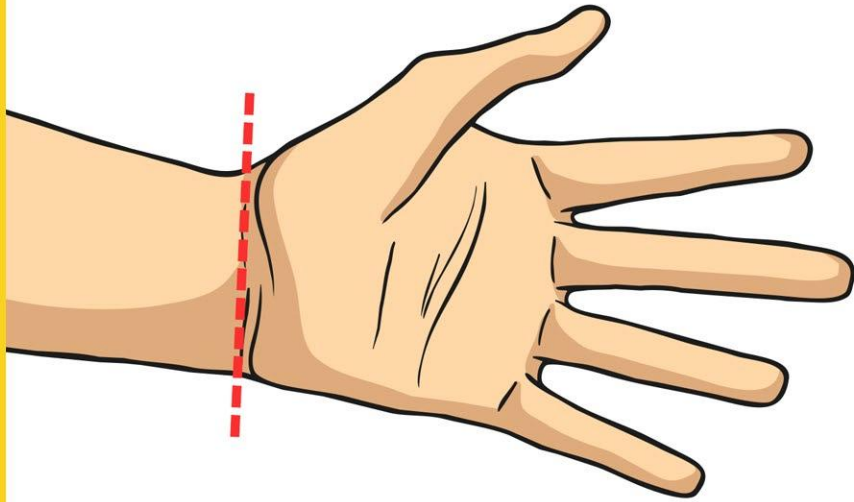
lamb



bomb

Letter 'b' is often silent after 'm'.

Silent Letter...



wrist



wrap

W



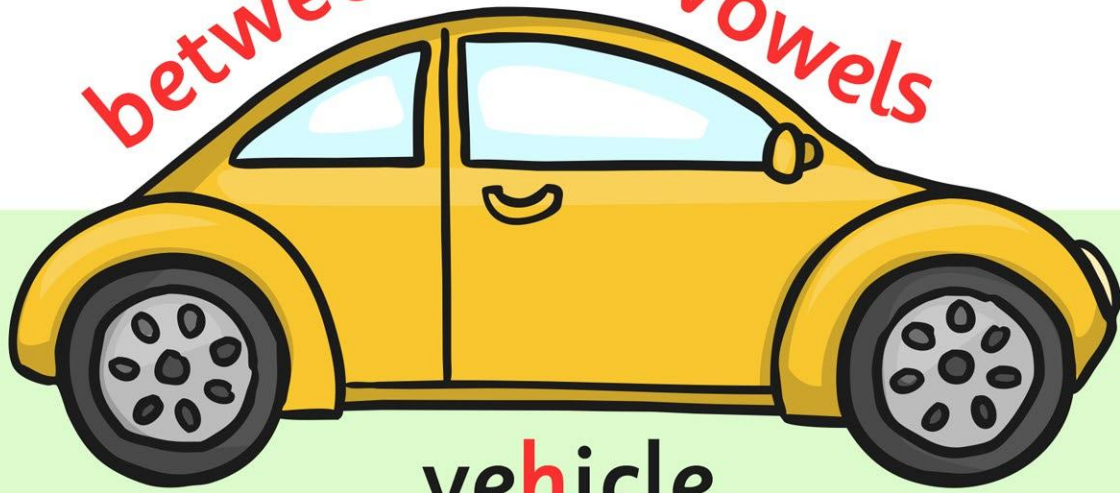
wrestle

Letter 'w' is often silent before 'r'.

Silent Letter **H**

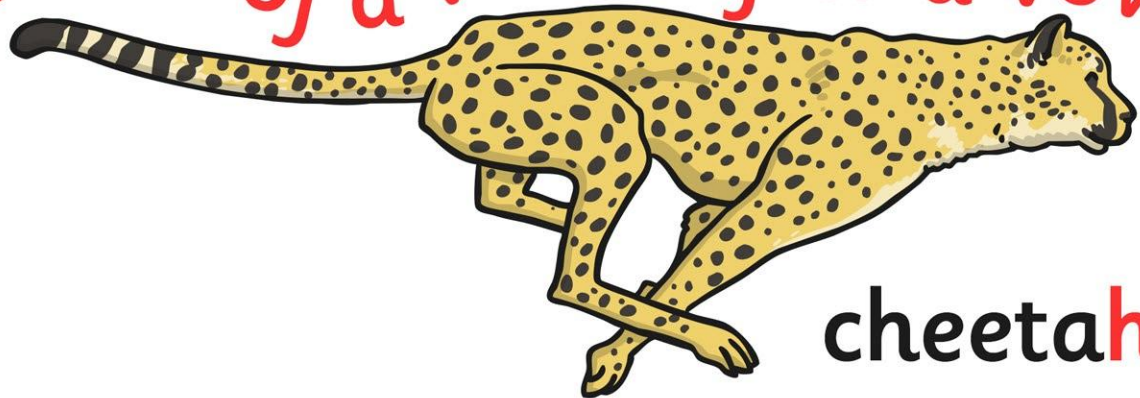
Letter 'h' is silent in lots of places.

between two vowels



veh**h**icle

at the end of a word after a vowel



cheeta**h**

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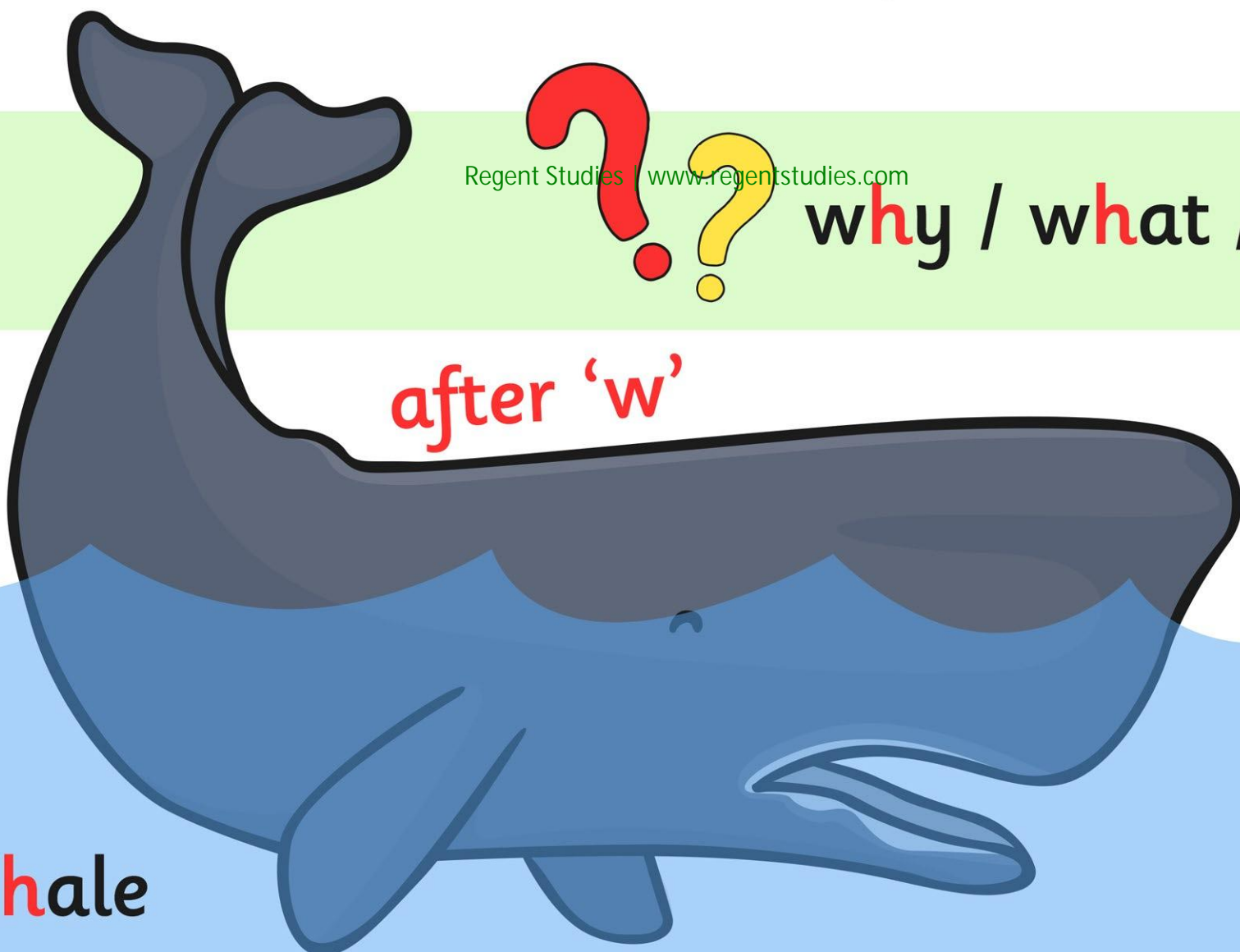


wh**h**y / wh**h**at / wh**h**en?

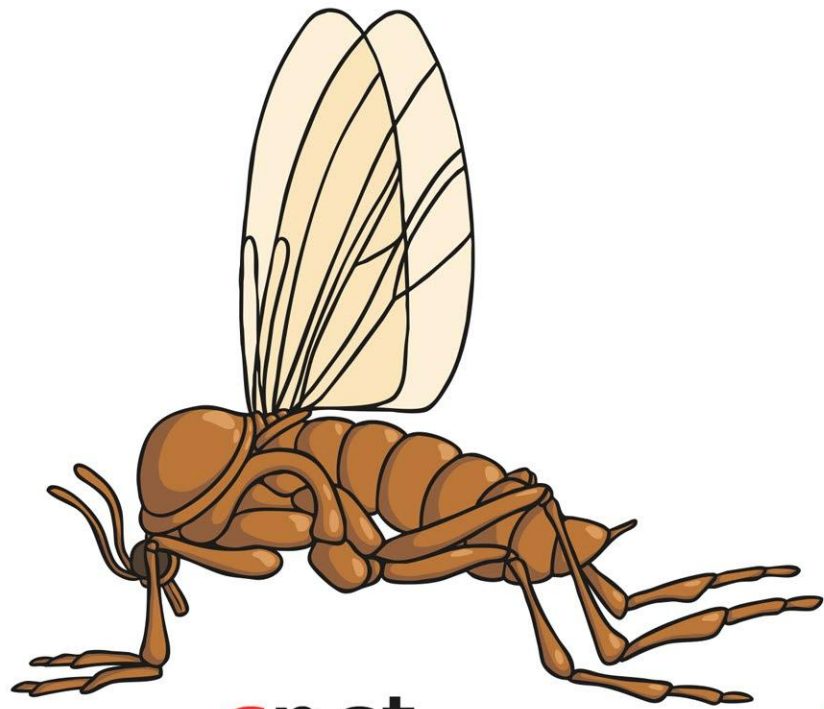
after 'w'



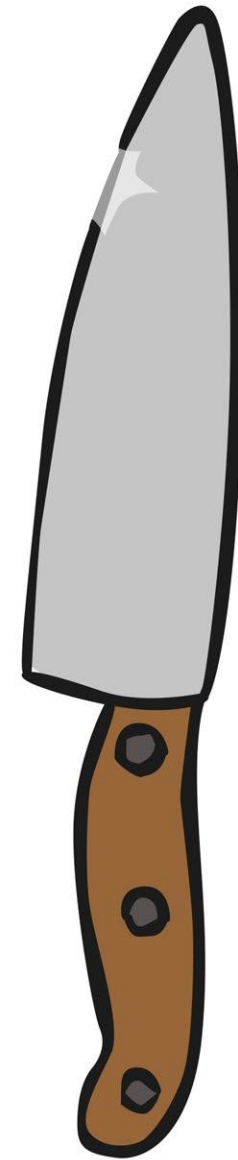
wh**h**ale



Silent Letter...



gnat



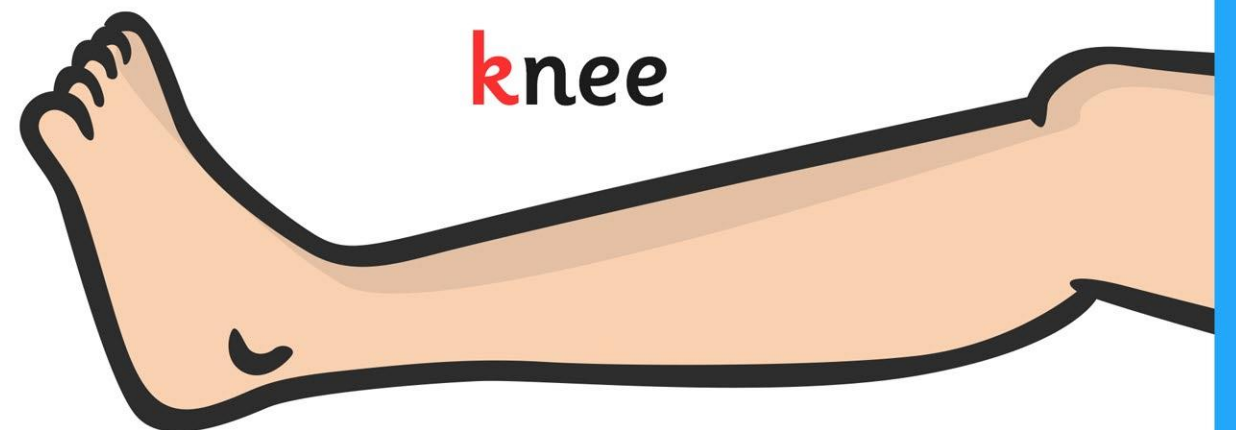
knife

G and **K**

These two letters are usually silent before 'n'.

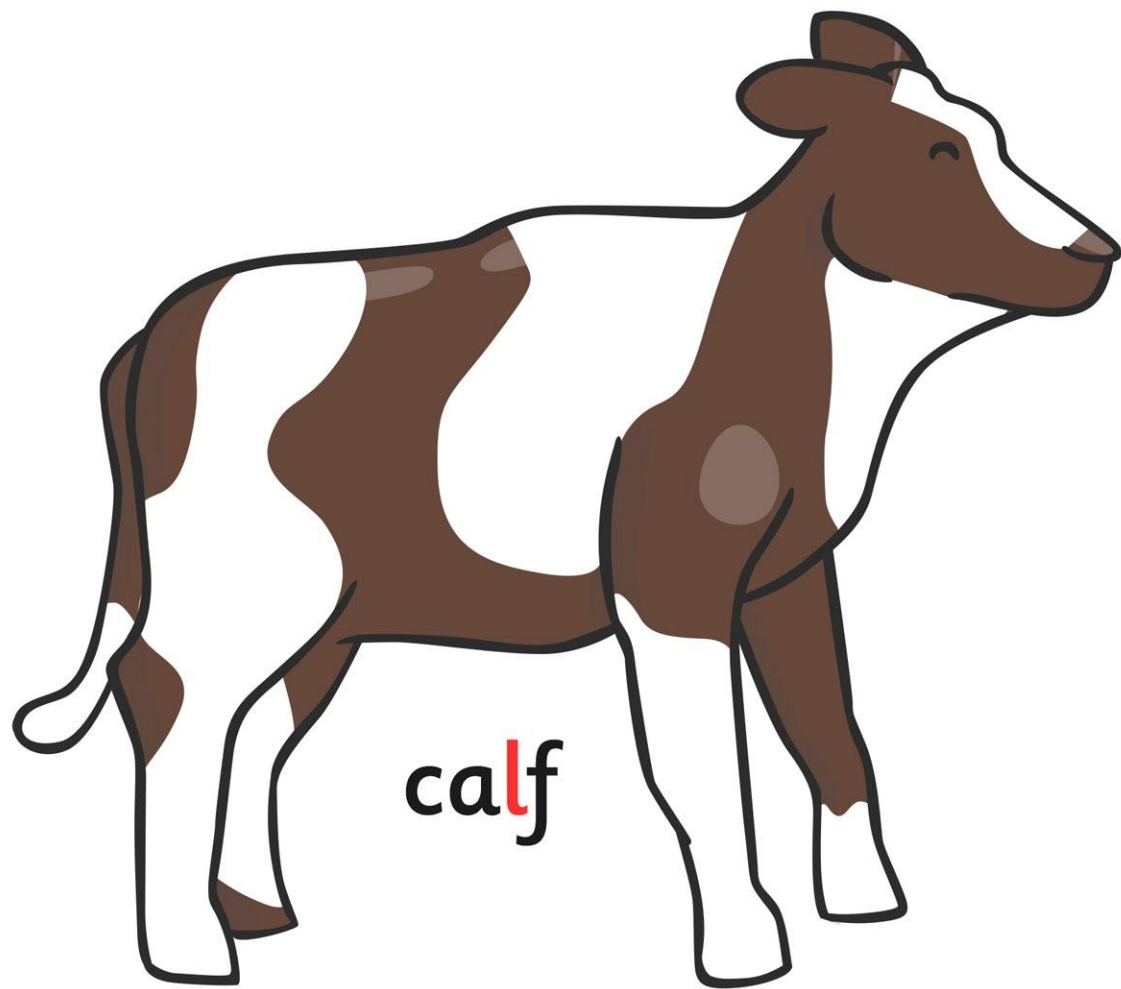


gnome

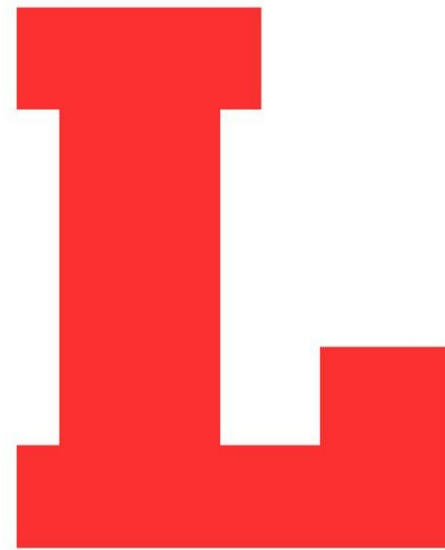


knee

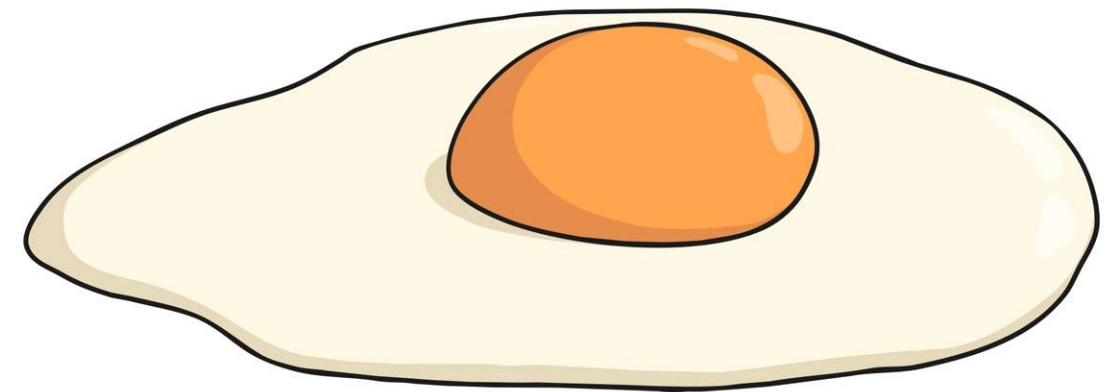
Silent Letter...



cal**l**f



shou**l**d
wou**l**d
cou**l**d



yo**l**k

Silent letter 'l' often follows the vowels 'a', 'o' and 'u'.

Silent Letter...



scissors

C

fascinate
scenario



muscle

C is silent when it comes after 's'.

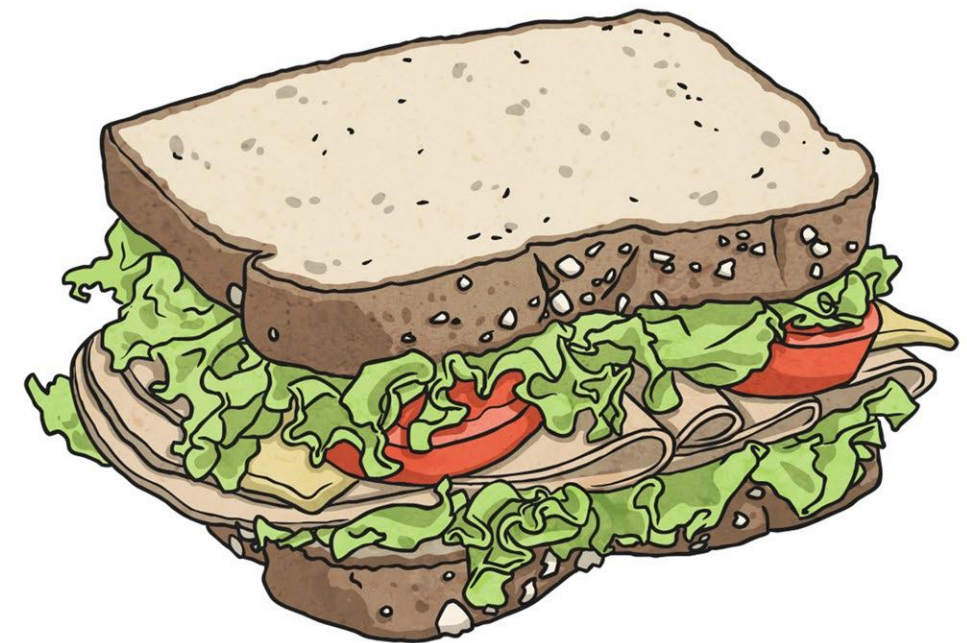
Silent Letter...

hand**d**some

Wed**d**nesday



D



sand**d**wich

D is silent in some common words.

Silent Letter...

Christ^tmas



castl^e

T

list^en



whistl^e

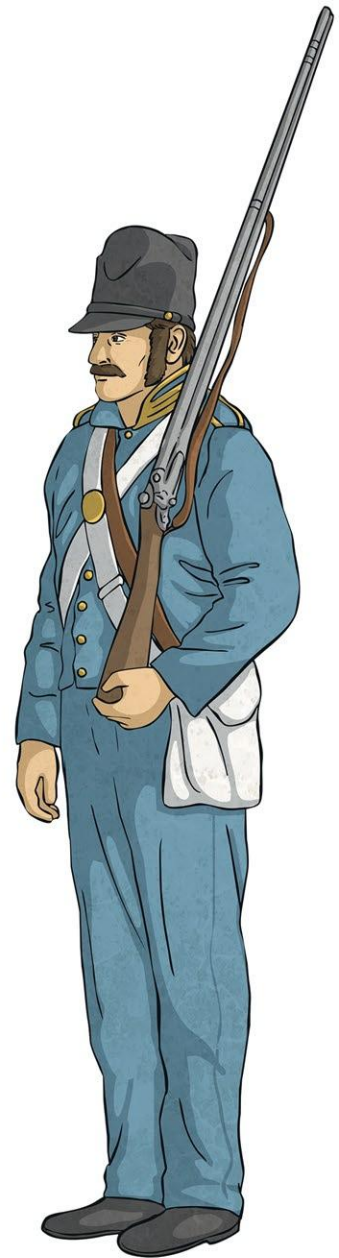
thistl^e

T is often silent after 's'.

Silent Letter...



guitar



guard

guild
guest

U



guess

U is often silent when it comes after 'g' and before a vowel.