



Spelling Shed

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Introduction	There are lots of words in the English language that have silent letters. These can occur throughout a word and cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word. Can the children think of any examples?
Main Teaching Activity	Using the power point slide as children to come and circle the silent sound in each of the spelling list words. Discuss the finding and any misconceptions.
Independent Activity	Children work in small groups to spell the words a letter at a time. The first child picks a word from the spelling list and tells the group, they then write the first letter of that word and pass the board to their left. The next child writes the next letter and so on. If a mistake is made then the word is erased and the you start again on the same word. Once the word is completed and correct the next child chooses a new word and it starts again.

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Circle them.

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Answers:

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