

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
English Language Improvement Activities

Topic -Sounds

Grade 7, 8 & 9

Silent letters

All the letters which are written in a word are not always pronounced, the letters which were not pronounced are called silent letters.

Look at these examples,

Ex.1. pit- here we can't find silent letters because we pronounce all the letters in this word

2. sat- we can't find silent letters because we pronounce all the letters in this word

3. wrap- here the first "w" is not pronounced though it is written.

4. bomb-the last letter "b" is not pronounced.

Find the silent letters and mark

i. awful

ii. buffet

iii. column

iv. injure

v. island

vi. knuckle

vii. knowledge

viii. receipt

ix. tongue

x. through

xi. whistle

xii. wistful

xiii. yolk

xiv. knife

xv. know

xvi. write

xvii. hour

xviii .half

xix. wrist

xx. subtle

How to find the initial (starting) sound

All the words have sounds and the starting sound is the first sound which pronounce.

Ex. 1. **Cat**- there are 3 sounds here. Initial (starting) sound is /k/

Middle sound is /a/

Last sound is /t/

2. **Clock**-here also have 3 sounds. First sound is /k/

Middle sound is /o/

Last sound is /k/

Write 5 words begin with each sound

/p/	/f/	/s/	/z/	/sh/	/ch/	/br/	/bl/	/kr/	/kl/
pan	fan	sip	zip	ship	chin	brain	blast	cream	close