

Lesson
7

Silent letters

sign	whose
resign	whole
reign	answer
foreign	sword
knives	written
knocked	wrapped
crumbs	raspberry
limbs	cupboard
palm	stalk
almond	folklore

Lesson Generalization: A **silent letter** is a letter that is not pronounced. A word's spelling may include a consonant pair in which one consonant is silent.

gn kn mb lm wh sw wr pb lk

A. Which words from the list contain the following silent partner pairs? Write the words on the lines provided.

1. gn

4. lk

7. wh

2. kn

5. wr

8. sw

3. mb

6. lm

9. pb

B. Choose ten words from the spelling list. On a separate sheet of paper scramble the letters of each word and then give them to a partner to write correctly. Check your placement of the silent letter in each word.

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Complete Thurs.

Due Thurs.

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More Practice

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| 1. sign | 6. knocked | 11. whose | 16. wrapped |
| 2. resign | 7. crumbs | 12. whole | 17. raspberry |
| 3. reign | 8. limbs | 13. answer | 18. cupboard |
| 4. foreign | 9. palm | 14. sword | 19. stalk |
| 5. knives | 10. almond | 15. written | 20. folklore |

A. Circle the nineteen hidden spelling words in the word search puzzle. Words are written forward, backward, diagonally, and up and down.

W	R	A	P	P	E	D	S	C	S	D	S	N	P	P
R	H	F	K	S	Y	T	H	I	R	D	E	G	A	Q
A	V	O	O	P	A	K	Y	O	G	T	V	I	L	K
S	G	H	L	L	Z	D	W	D	T	N	I	E	M	Z
P	W	S	K	E	N	S	E	I	T	R	N	R	C	D
B	L	J	V	O	L	K	R	R	H	R	K	O	R	F
E	N	H	M	P	C	W	N	C	E	M	B	F	U	G
R	Z	L	X	O	X	Y	C	W	M	I	B	W	M	P
R	A	G	N	K	S	Q	S	U	W	S	G	L	B	S
Y	R	K	R	J	D	N	T	L	P	Z	X	N	S	B
K	E	X	C	M	A	J	M	F	I	B	W	G	P	J
Q	S	K	X	S	T	B	C	X	S	M	O	B	K	P
Q	I	V	X	Z	L	T	N	L	T	Z	B	A	Y	T
B	G	K	L	V	V	S	N	H	Q	R	J	S	R	C
S	N	G	J	H	Q	K	D	W	F	B	C	H	J	D

B. Which letter is silent in each combination listed below? Write your answers on the lines. Then, for each letter pair, choose one word from the spelling list that includes those letters, and use that word in a sentence on a separate sheet of paper.

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|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. gn _____ | 4. kn _____ | 7. mb _____ |
| 2. lm <u>l - palm</u> | 5. wh _____ | 8. sw _____ |
| 3. wr _____ | 6. pb _____ | 9. lk _____ |

Denotation and Connotation

Teaching

A word's **denotation** is its dictionary definition. A word can also make people feel or think a certain way. These feelings and ideas are the **connotations** of a word. Words with the same meaning can have different "shades of meaning"—that is, they can be understood differently.

Positive connotation: What a *fragrance* that perfume has! That's quite an aroma. (a pleasant, appealing smell)

Neutral connotation: What a *smell* that perfume has!

Negative connotation: What a *stink* that perfume has! That's quite a *stench*. (an unpleasant, disgusting smell)

Be sure that the words you use have the right connotation as well as the right denotation.

A. Identifying Positive and Negative Connotations

Each pair of phrases includes synonyms with different connotations. Put a + sign next to the one with a positive connotation and a - sign next to the one with a negative connotation. Use a dictionary or thesaurus if needed.

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| 1. an aggressive athlete _____ | 6. pampered his pets _____ |
| a pushy athlete _____ | coddled his pets _____ |
| 2. an arrogant statement _____ | 7. an overprotective mother _____ |
| a confident statement _____ | a cautious mother _____ |
| 3. known for her cleverness _____ | 8. a colorful sweater _____ |
| known for her cunning _____ | a gaudy sweater _____ |
| 4. a slender dancer _____ | 9. showed persistence _____ |
| a scrawny dancer _____ | showed stubbornness _____ |
| 5. a rowdy crowd _____ | 10. spent time making small talk _____ |
| a lively crowd _____ | spent time chattering _____ |

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B. Connotations in Action

You are an advertising copywriter for a travel agency. Circle the words and phrases in the paragraph that have a positive connotation. Use a dictionary or thesaurus if needed.

Come to Utopia Island!

We want you to visit our (boring, tranquil) island and its (unchanging, monotonous) beaches. When you arrive, hotel staffers in (exotic, bizarre) costumes will bring you (aromatic, stinky) foods that are native to the region. Visit our marketplaces to (invest your money in, squander your money on) our famous (trinkets, collectibles). You are welcome to wear (casual, sloppy) clothes during the day. If you wish, you may change into (fussier, more elaborate) clothing at night. All this fun can be yours for an (affordable, cheap) price. Ask your travel agent today why Utopia Island is the most (popular, commonplace) vacation destination in the world!

C. Vocabulary Challenge

Replace each word with a synonym that has a positive connotation. Then write a sentence using the synonym correctly. Use a dictionary or thesaurus if needed.

1. reckless peaceful careful

2. flashy _____

3. show-off _____

4. slick _____

5. know-it-all _____
