

HOMEWORK

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Unstressed consonants (silent letters)

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**.
- **Syllables** are the beats in word: do (1 beat), do-ing (2 beats), un-do-ing (3 beats).
- Every syllable must contain a vowel or a 'y': un-do-ing.

<i>(list 6:6)</i> <i>(non-statutory)</i>	Practise 1 <i>(copy into space)</i>	Practise 2 <i>(fold and hide)</i>	Can spell word <i>(check and correct)</i>
Spelling tip:	<i>Note: these consonants (in bold) may be heard according to pronunciation.</i>		
<i>handhbag</i>			
<i>handsome</i>			
<i>handhkerchief</i>			
<i>government</i>			
<i>environment</i>			

Spelling tip:	<i>Note: these consonants (in bold) are not heard regardless of pronunciation.</i>		
<i>castle</i>			
<i>raspherry</i>			
<i>signg</i>			
<i>cuphoard</i>			
<i>February</i>			

Spelling tip:	<i>Note: these consonants (in bold) are not heard regardless of pronunciation.</i>		
<i>wrapper</i>			
<i>answer</i>			
<i>doubt</i>			
<i>crumbb</i>			
<i>thumbb</i>			