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Test Your Spelling Skills

The Very Quiet World of Silent Letters – Activity 2

Some words in the English language contain letters that are spelt but not pronounced. These are called “silent letters”.

Study the six groups of words below. In each group there is a silent letter which appears in every word. Write down the silent letter in each group:

grandson bridge sandwich

edge handkerchief

The silent letter is: _____

leopard pardon people

jealous famous

The silent letter is: _____

guest vague tongue

build guilty

The silent letter is: _____

comb lamb doubt

climb plumber

The silent letter is: _____

autumn column condemn

government solemn

The silent letter is: _____

believe cushion juice

receive fashion

The silent letter is: _____

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Answers:

grandson bridge sandwich
edge handkerchief
The silent letter is: d

leopard pardon people
jealous famous
The silent letter is: o

guest vague tongue
build guilty
The silent letter is: u

comb lamb doubt
climb plumber
The silent letter is: b

autumn column condemn
government solemn
The silent letter is: n

believe cushion juice
receive fashion
The silent letter is: i