Spelling list: Silent g words

Sneaky silent letters make English spelling difficult! But don't worry – our spelling activities will have you confidently spelling words with silent letters in no time.

This word list looks at words that are spelt with a *silent g* , for example: *gnome* , *reign* , *foreign* , and *resign* .

While, in Middle English, the *g* was pronounced in words like this, over time the pronunciation shifted and it became silent. Some words with silent letters were also originally borrowed from other languages.

Why not try out our spelling games? These *silent g* words will help you break the code in *Codebreaker*, beat the evil witch in *Which Witch*, and feed the hungry shark in *Fishy Business*.

gnome We hide a spare key under the garden **gnome**.

gnat A **gnat** is a small biting insect.

gnu The **gnu** is an African antelope.

gnash Did you hear the dog **gnash** his teeth?

gnarled The trunk of the old tree was **gnarled**.

sign The **sign** showed which way to go.

design We are looking for someone to **design** our logo.

resign His decision to **resign** from the position was regrettable.

align I hope the stars will **align** for us.

assign We need to **assign** roles to each employee.

benign A malign tumour is malignant; a **benign** one is not malignant.

malign A **malign** tumour is malignant; a benign one is not malignant.

deign Will the boss **deign** to attend our party?

reign We lived under a **reign** of terror.

foreign We love **foreign** travel.

sovereign A reigning king or queen is a **sovereign**.

campaign Will you support my **campaign** for better food?

consignment A **consignment** of goods was sent from the factory.