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SILENT B

"LAM"	lamb (5.30)	lamb		
"JAM"	a door jamb			
"KOHM"	comb (5.65)	combs	combed	combing
	honeycomb			
"WOOM"	womb	wombs		
"TOOM"	tomb	tombs		
"TOOM stohn"	tombstone			
"LIM"	limb (6.95)	limbs		
"KLYHM"	climb (5.80)	climbs	climbed	climbing
"KLYM mur"	climber	climbers		
"THUM"	thumb (9.15)	thumbs	thumbed	thumbing
"KRUM"	crumb	crumbs		
"PLUM"	plumb	plumbs	plumbed	plumbing
"PLUM mur"	plumber	plumbers		
"suh KUM"	succumb	succumbs	succumbed	succumbing
"DUM"	dumb (9.90)		dumber	dumbest
"NUM"	numb	numbs	numbered	numbing
"BAHM"	bomb	bombs	bombed	bombing
"BAHM mur"	bomber	bombers		
"DET"	debt (12.50)	debts	indebted	indebtedness
"D'OW't	doubt (11.55)	doubts	doubted	undoubtedly
"D'OW't fuul	doubtful (13.10)	doubtless (13.30)	doubtfully	doubtlessly
"SUT tul"	subtle	subtlety	subtleties	
"suh PEE nuh"	subpoena	subpoenas		

SILENT W

"AN sur"	answer (6.45)	answers (8.30)	answered (8.90)	answering (8.10)
"HOO"	who (2.30)	whom ()	whose (10.30)	
"SOHRD"	sword (10.65)	swords		
"SOHRD FYHT"	swordfight			
"SOHRD fish"	swordfish			
"RAP"	wrap (11.65)	wraps	wrapped	
"RING"	wring	wrings	wrung	
"REK"	wreck (11.75)	wrecks	wrecking	wrecker
"RAYTH"	wraith	wraiths		
"RATH"	wrath	wrathful		
"REEK"	wreak	wreaks	wreaking	
"REETH"	wreath	wreaths		
"REN"	wren	wrens		
"RENCH"	wrench	wrenches	wrenched	
"RES sul"	wrestle	wrestles	wrestling	wrestler
"RECH"	wretch	wretches	wretched (18.05)	
"RIG gul"	wriggle	wriggles	wriggling	
"HOHL"	whole (5.10)	wholly (16.40)	wholesome	
"RING kul"	wrinkle	wrinkles	wrinkled	
"RIST"	wrist (8.45)	wrists		
"RIT"	writ	writs		
"RYHT"	write (5.35)	writes (7.90)	written ()	
"RYHT urz"	writers (7.35)	writers (7.90)		
"RHYT"	wright	wrights	wrought (16.95)	
"KAHRT ryht"	Cartwright			
"RYHTH"	writhe	writhes		
"RAWNG"	wrong (4.85)	wrongs		

Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00 are placed inside parentheses ().

Homophones: lamb/lam climb/clime plumb/plum bomb/balm sword/soared wrap/rap wrapped/rapt/rapped
wring/ring wrung/rung wrecks/Rex wreak/reek whole/hole wholly/holy/holey writs/Ritz write/rite/right

Spelling Demons: subtle subpoena indebted

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SILENT G

"NAHRL	gnarl	gnarled	gnarr	gnarly
"NASH"	gnash	gnashes	gnashing	
"NAT"	gnat	gnats		
"NAW"	gnaw	gnaws	gnawing	
"NYH-SS"	gneiss			
"NOHM"	gnome	gnomes		
"NOH sis"	gnosis (Cf. diagnosis & diagnostic)			
"NAH stik"	Gnostic" (Cf. agnostic & agnosticism)			
"NOO"	gnu	gnus		signal
"SYHN"	sign (5.80)	signs	signed	signature
"uh SYHN"	assign	assigns	assigned	assignment
"ded ZYHN"	design (10.25)	designs	designer	designation
"ree ZYHN"	resign	resigns	resigning	resignation
"REE SYH'n"	re-sign	re-signs	re-signing	
"kun SYH'n"	consign	consigns	consigning	consignment
"koh SYH'n"	cosign	cosigns	cosigning	cosigner
	signpost	high signs		
"EN sin"	ensign	ensigns		
"uh LYHN"	align	aligns	nonaligned	alignment
"muh LYHN"	malign	maligned		malignant
"buh NYH'n"	benign tumor			
"uh RAYN"	arraign	arraigns	arraigned	arraignment
"kam PAY'n"	campaign	campaigns	campaigned	
"DAYN"	deign	deigns	deigned	
"pay'n WAH'r"	peignoir			
"fee LAY mee'n yoh'n"	filet mignon			
"RAYN"	reign (16.75)	reigns	reigning	
"SAH vrun"	sovereign	sovereigns	sovereignty	
"FOH run"	foreign (14.90)	foreigner		
"kuh LOHN"	cologne	colognes		
"sham PAYn"	champagne	champagnes		
"im PYOON"	impugn	impugns	impugned	impugning
"flem"	phlegm	phlegmatic		
"PAY'r uh dyh'm"	paradigm	paradigms		
"POY'n yunt"	poignant	poignancy		
"Vee'n YET"	vignette			
"See'n YOH'r"	signor	signora	signore	signorina
"See'n YOO'r"	seigneur	seignior	monseigneur	monsignor
"luh ZAH'n yuh"	lasagna		messeigneurs	monsignons

SILENT K

"NAK"	knack	"NELL"	knell	"un NOH'n"	unknown
"NAK kur"	knacker	"NIT"	knit (10.50)	"NAH lij"	knowledge (12.30)
"NAHK wurst"	knackwurst	"NAHB"	knob	"NIK kurz"	knickers
"NAP"	knap	"DOH'r NAH'b"	doorknob	"NIK nak"	knickknack
"NAP sak"	knapsack	"NAHK"	knock (7.50)	"NYHF"	knife (4.75)
"NAHR"	knarr	"NAHT"	knot (7.20)	"NYH'f-ss	knives
"NAHRL"	knarl	"NOWT"	knout	"HYH'v-z	knives (9.05)
"NAYV"	knave	"NUK kul"	knuckle	"NYHT"	knight
"NEED"	knead	"NOH"	know (2.80)	"NYH't huud	knighthood
"NEE"	knee (6.60)	"NOO"	knew (5.10)	NAH'k-ss	knocks / Knox
"NEEL"	kneel	"NOHN"	known (6.70)	NOH'z	knows (6.25)

Homophones: gnash/Nash gnu/new/knew sign/sine deign/Dane reign/rain/rein knap/nap knave/nave knead/need kneel/Neal/Neil know/no knows/no's/nose gnome/Nome knight/night knit/nit gneiss/nice knot/not

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Spelling Demons: knowledge foreign sovereign

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SILENT H

"AH nur"	honor (9.45)	honors	honored (12.45)	honoring
"AH nur b'l"	honorable (14.60)	honorably		
"diss AH nur b'l"	dishonorable	dishonorably		
"AH nur"	honour	honours	honoured	honouring
"AH nur b'l"	honourable	honourably		
"diss AH nur b'l"	dishonourable	dishonourably		
"AH ness't"	honest (7.30)	"KAK key"	khacki	
"AH ness't lee"	honestly (10.25)	"kahr TOOM"	Khartoum	
"AH ness tee"	honesty (10.25)	"kyh YAM"	Khayyam, Omar	
"ohr DURvz"	hors d'oeuvres	"room"	rheum	
"GOHST"	ghost (11.20)	"room uh TOY'd"	rheumatoid arthritis	
"AF gan"	Afghan	"roo MAT ik"	rheumatic fever	
"af GAN iss TAN"	Afghanistan	"ROO muh tizm"	rheumatism	
"uh GAST"	aghash	"RAH'm buss"	rhombus	rhomb
"GAST lee"	ghastly	"RUM buh	rhumba	
"GET toh"	ghetto	"RYH'm"	rhyme	
"spuh GET tee"	spaghetti	"Rith'm"	rhythm	
"GOOL"	ghoul	"ROO bah'r-b"	rhubarb	
"GAH nuh"	Ghana	"GUR kinz"	gherkins	
"DING ee"	dinghy	"G'ee"	ghee	
"sil oo ET"	silhouette	"ROH doh den drun" l	rhododendron	
"WOH'R-F"	wharf	"BUR'g	Carol Burgher and Carl Burgh	
"WOH'r-v'z	wharfs or wharves	"ROH'n"	Rhone	
"YAHT"	yacht	"RYH'n"	Rhine	
"KAHN"	khan	"RYH'n stoh'n"	rhinestone	
"RYH noh"	rhino	"OH'm bray"	hombre	
"ryh NAH sir us"	rhinoceros	"TEM'z"	Thames	
"tur REE'ss"	Therese	"tur REE suh"	Theresa	
"TAH muss"	Thomas	"TAH'm kins"	Thompkins	
"TAH'm sun"	Thompson	"TOH muh SEE nuh"	Thomasina	
"TYH'm"	thyme			

SILENT L (See p. 244 for the silent l in -lk words such as talk, walk, folk, yolk.)

"AH'm"	alm	alms		
"KAH'm"	calm (9.35)	calms	calmed	calmer
"PAH'm"	palm (8.65)	palms	palmed	Palmer
"PAH'm iss tree"	palmistry			
"PAH'm mur"	Arnold Palmer			
"BAH'm"	balm			
"KWAH'm"	qualm	qualms		
"SAH'm"	psalm	psalms		
"AH'mun'd	almond	almonds		
"SAM mun"	salmon (11.65)			
"SAV"	salve	salves	salved	salving
"HAV"	halve	halves	halved	halving
"KAV"	calve	calves	calved	calving
"HOH'm-z	Sherlock Holmes			
"MAL kum"	Malcolm X			
"STAH'k hoh'm	Stockholm			
"LING kun"	Lincoln			

SILENT M

"NEM mah niks" mnemonics

SILENT N

"kuhn DEM"	condemn (17.50)	condemned	condemnation	
"DAM"	damn	damned	damnation	
"SAH lum"	solemn (18.00)		solemnity	

Homophones: khan/con nix/nicks balm/bomb burg/berg/burgh burger/Burgher thyme/time damn/dam halve/have balm/bomb honor (Am.)/honour (Br.) honorable (Am.)/honourable (Br.)

Spelling Demons: honest spaghetti dinghy yacht silhouette khacki hors d'oeuvres

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SILENT P

"SAHM"	psalm	psalms
"noo MOHN yuh"	pneumonia	
"noo MAT ik"	pneumatic	
"SOO doh"	pseudo	
"SOO doh nim"	pseudonym	
"SOO doh ·	pseudoscientific	
"SHAW"	pshaw	
"SYH"	psi	
"sohr RYH uh siss"	psoriasis	
"SYHk"	psych	
"SYHk" or "SYH kee"	psyche	
"SYH kik"	psychic	
"SYH koh"	psycho	
"syh KAH luh jee"	psychology (20.10)	
"syh KAH luh jist"	psychologist	
"SYH koh path"	psychopath	
"syh KAH tik"	psychotic	
"syh KYH uh tree"	psychiatry	
"syh KYH uh trist"	psychiatrist	
"SYH kee AT rick"	psychiatric	
"TAYR uh dak til"	pterodactyl	
"tur ID oh FYHT"	pteridophyte	
"TOH luh mee"	Ptolemy	
"TOH luh MAY ik"	Ptolemaic	
"toh MAYN"	ptomaine poisoning	
"ree SEET"	receipt book	receipts
"KOO"	coup	
"KOO DAY tah"	coup d'etat	
"KOO duh GRAH"	coup de grace	
"KOH'R"	corps	
"ree SEET"	receipt (17.60)	receipts (17.95)

Homophones: pshaw/Shaw ptomaine/toe mane coup/coo corps/core

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Spelling Demons: pneumonia psychologist psychiatric psychiatrist ptomaine corps

X-RATED FAMILIES

Xmas Please say "Christmas"—not "Ex-muss." This abbreviation came about as the result of an early Christian practice of abbreviating the name of Christ with just the first letter of Christ as it is written in the Cyrillic alphabet, which looks something like this: {*hbcnjc*}.

x-ray This was coined by the man who discovered the rays, W. K. Roentgen. Some scientists still call them the Roentgen rays. I prefer the simple x-ray.

The rest of the "x" words really should be "**zee**" words because the "x" has the sound of the letter **z**.

xylophone	ZYH loh fohn	xylocaine	ZYH loh kayn
xenophobia	ZEE no FOH bee yuh	xenomania	ZEE no MAY nee yuh
xenia	ZEE nee yuh	xenial	ZEE nee yul
xenium	ZEE nee yum	xerox	ZEER ahks
xerography	Zeer RAH gruh fee	Xerxes	Zurk zeez

There are over 100 words beginning with x that we have omitted. They are all scientific or technical words. With the exceptions of Xmas and x-ray they all start with the sound of ZEE.