

## PRONUNCIATION — SILENT LETTERS, A, B, C

/ A - can be silent in all words of 3 or more syllables ending 'ary'

dictionary, library, ordinary, secondary,  
secretary, solitary

/ can be silent in adverbs ending 'ically'  
basically, fantastically, scientifically

/ also silent in: Barbara, separate, tetanus

/ 'can' be silent in: Niagara, scandalous

/ 'au' can be silent in: restaurant

/ B - at end of words and words derived from these:

bomb, bomber, climb, climber, comb, crumb,  
dumb, lamb, limb, plumber, thumb, thumbnail

/ before t: debt, debtor, doubt, doubtful

/ C - always silent between 's' and 'i': science, scissors

/ after 's' in: scene, scenery, scenic, scent

/ can be pronounced or silent between 'n' and 't'

precinct, punctuate, punctuation

/ Also these words: Connecticut, yacht