

/ PUNCTUATION - SILENT LETTERS - E

- / before suffix '-ful': careful, disgraceful, peaceful, useful
- / before suffix '-less': blameless, careless, hopeless, priceless, useless
- / before suffix '-ly': completely, definitely, likely, lively, lonely, lovely
- / before '-ment': achievement, advertisement, movement, pavement
- / before '-some': lonesome, tiresome
- / normally silent at end of a word after a consonant except:
Aborigine, ache, apache, apostrophe, catastrophe,
Chile, facsimile, karate, Penelope, recipe, Zimbabwe
- / most names ending '-es': Charles, James, Philippines, Wales
- / between a consonant and '-able': likeable, moveable, noticeable
- / can be silent in penultimate syllable of some long words:
blackberry, Catherine, cemetery, different, general,
Frederick, interest, javelin, liberal, liberate, opera
- / 'ge' followed by a vowel: changeable, pageant
- / 'geo' in outrageous, pigeon, surgeon
- / in some compound words: bracelet, Iceland, ninety,
pineapple, rosemary, safety, somebody, someone,
something, somewhere, Stonehenge, timetable, whereas
- / in following words: evening, luncheon, ocean, omelette,
sovereign, vegetable, Wednesday
- o silent or pronounced: camera, every, literature, preferable