

HOMEWORK

Name: _____ Date: _____

Silent letters 'u', 'w'

- Many words in English have silent letters.
- Spoken language changes faster than written language.
- The following words have a letter in them which was probably sounded many years ago but no longer is.
- Silent letters are not sounded but are still needed for accurate spelling.
- **Vowels** are the letters 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u', all other letters are **consonants**.

Copy each word, then try to write it without copying. Use the final column to correct any mistakes or to test each group of words.

(list 5:18)	Practise 1 (copy into space)	Practise 2 (fold and hide)	Can spell word (check and correct)
Spelling tip:	Silent 'u' often follows 'g' is always followed by a vowel ('e' or 'i').		
<i>guess</i>			
<i>guest</i>			
<i>guide</i>			
<i>guilt</i>			
<i>guitar</i>			

Spelling tip:	Silent 'u' is always followed by a vowel ('e' or 'i').		
<i>build</i>			
<i>built</i>			
<i>biscuit</i>			
<i>circuit</i>			
<i>disguise</i>			

Spelling tip:	Silent 'w' is often followed by 'r' and the 'r' is always followed by a vowel.		
<i>wrap</i>			
<i>wreck</i>			
<i>wrist</i>			
<i>wrong</i>			
<i>wrinkle</i>			