

## Festivals and celebrations silent letters practice

Share your experiences of things on the next page and see if you have anything in common. Your teacher will tell you which column or columns to look at.

Share one thing you have in common and see if anyone else in the class shares that thing.

Ask about anything below that you don't understand, are not sure how to pronounce, etc, sharing your experiences (or lack of experience) as a class each time.

Mark the silent letters on the column(s) that you looked at before. Each line has at least one silent letter.

Check with the version without silent letters.

Put the silent letters into the version without silent letters.

Test each other on the silent letters:

- Spell a word which has a silent letter and see if your partner can pronounce it
- Spell a word which has a silent letter and see if your partner can identify which letter is silent
- Say a word with the wrong pronunciation because you have pronounced the usually silent letter, and see if your partner can repeat it back with the right pronunciation
- Say a word that has a silent letter (without pronouncing that letter) and see if your partner can spell it
- Choose a word which has a silent letter but don't say the word, say which letter is silent, define the word without saying any part of the word ("It's a thing which...") and see if your partner can guess which word you chose
- Say a word which has a silent letter (with the correct pronunciation) and see if your partner can repeat it back in an example sentence
- Spell a word which has a silent letter and see if your partner can say that word in an example sentence



## Level 1

- Ash Wednesday
- bouquets of flowers
- breaking up whole fruit (hitting watermelons, etc)
- special buffet lunches
- carving with a special carving knife
- Christmas Eve
- eating salmon
- eating special seasonal foreign food (mooncakes, etc)
- ghost costumes
- special biscuits/ cookies (e.g. gingerbread men)
- gourmet fairs
- greeting the sunrise in beautiful scenery at particular times of year
- handkerchief dances
- honouring your ancestors
- keeping the receipt of presents
- kneeling (in prayer/ and kowtowing to your parents)
- knitted Xmas sweaters
- knocking on doors
- listening to speeches (e.g. the King's speech)
- looking at autumn leaves
- lucky knotted threads
- nativity scenes
- remembering historical wrongs
- roast lamb
- scented candles
- special seasonal exhibitions
- staying up for 24 hours
- traditional wrestling
- turkey sandwiches
- wakes/ guarding dead bodies overnight
- walking down the aisle
- whisked cream
- whiskey/ whisky
- whistling
- White Day
- wrapping paper
- writing cards/ thank you letters

## Level 2

- anniversaries of the atom bomb
- appeasing (wrathful) ghosts/ wraiths
- ascent of Buddha/ of Mohammed/ of...
- beating out special rhythms
- birds filled with stuffing made from breadcrumbs
- birthday of the reigning king/ queen/ emperor/ empress/ prince/ princess
- cancellation of debts
- celebrating Advent (when baby Jesus appeared in Mary's womb)
- famous playwrights' birthdays (Shakespeare's birthday, etc)
- glistening decorations
- kneading sticky rice into chewy rice balls by whacking it with a wooden mallet in a pestle
- lucky knickknacks
- moistening the ground in front of your house/ store/ workplace
- people being knighted at special times of year
- remembering Jesus's original twelve apostles/ disciples
- silhouettes/ shadow puppets
- solemn memorials
- special hymns (Xmas carols, etc)
- sword dances
- testing each other on your knowledge of holy books/ religious stories/ traditional stories
- underwhelming festivals
- visiting family graves/ tombs
- wearing rhinestones
- whirling prayer wheels
- whittling wood
- wreaths (made of holly)



# Suggested answers/ Without silent letters version

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