Spelling Words and Sentences
List E-9: Words With Silent Letters

1. lightning  The flash of lightning was followed by a loud rumble of thunder.
2. climb  Some people climb all 1,576 steps to the top of the Empire State Building.
3. lamb  Eleanor learned how to play “Mary Had a Little Lamb” on the piano.
4. kneel  Grandma can no longer kneel on the ground to garden because of her sore knees.
5. honorable  Chad’s mom taught him to do the honorable thing by helping others in need.
6. knife  Beatrice watched her dad chop vegetables with a knife.
7. rhythm  It is difficult for me to keep a steady rhythm in music class.
8. yacht  The big, beautiful yacht sat in the water, ready for its first trip out to sea.
9. whistle  When the dog hears the sound of the whistle, he comes running back to his owner.
10. butcher  Our town is so small that we only have one local butcher selling meat.
11. plumber  Luke learned all he needed to know about being a plumber from his dad.
12. assignment  The book report assignment is due at the end of the week.
13. calf  Did you know that a baby whale is called a calf?
14. condemn  Before you condemn me for doing something wrong, listen to what I have to say.
15. crumb  Irene ate every last piece of the cake. She didn’t even leave a single crumb.
16. character  Today we are going to discuss the personality of the main character in the story.
17. castle  Michelle’s favorite story is about a princess, a brave night, and a magical castle.
18. autumn  Samir checked the calendar because he forgot which day was the first day of autumn.
19. flight  I’m worried that my flight will be canceled because of the bad weather.
20. resign  The city mayor suddenly decided to resign from his position.

Review Words

21. lenses  Thomas needs the lenses in his glasses replaced with ones that aren’t scratched.
22. shelves  Brooke made clever book shelves for her new house by using old crates and pallets.
23. batteries  It seems like these batteries don’t last as long as they should!

Challenge Words

24. psychology  Vicky wants to study psychology when she goes to college someday.
25. debris  The tornado left behind a lot of damage and debris.