

Silent letters



A common spelling mistake is to leave out a silent letter. If you knock out the silent letter in each word, it will sound right, but it will not be spelled correctly. Circle the silent letter in each word in the box. Then, say the word.

knack knapsack knead kneel knew knife knuckle
known knockout knock wreath wrapper wreck
wrestle wrinkle wholesale whole wrist answer sword

A number of the words from the box contain consonant blends (digraphs). Classify the words.

ck _____

st _____

sw _____

Write the words from the box that contain these shorter words.

sack _____

own _____

eat _____

rest _____

word _____

sale _____

out _____

rink _____

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Solution

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knock wreck

st wrestle wrist

sw answer sword

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sack *knapsack*

own *known*

eat *wreath*

rest *wrestle*

word *sword*

sale *wholesale*

out *knockout*

rink *wrinkle*

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Use a word from the box in each sentence. You might add an ending. Circle any silent letter that you write.

1. The wind _____ the
Christmas _____ off the door.



2. The sharp _____ was protected
by a plastic _____.

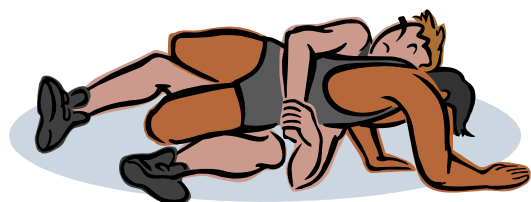


3. The bear stole the _____
_____ from our tent.



4. The _____ to some questions are
not _____.

5. He grabbed me by the _____ and
_____ me to the ground.



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1. There is a _____ in the McNamara coat of arms.



2. In Boxing, the referee _____ on the mat, counts to 10, then declares a " _____!"

3. Sarah has a _____ for being in the wrong place at the wrong time.



4. Peter _____ a store that would sell me film _____.



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2+3

Solution

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1. knock**ed** wreath
2. knife wrapper
3. whole knapsack
4. answer**s** known
5. wrist wrestl**ed**



1. sword
2. kneel**s** knockout
3. knack
4. knew wholesale

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known knockout knock wreath wrapper wreck
wrestle wrinkle wholesale whole wrist answer sword

Write the missing letters.

rinkl hol restl nuckl nife holesal s ord
an er



Use the words below to make three words from the box.

sack out sale knap knock whole

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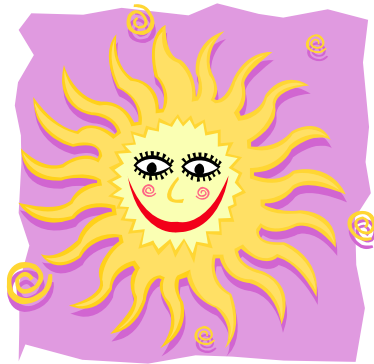


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Solution

Write the missing letters.

wrinkle whole wrestle knuckle knife
wholesale sword
answer



Use the words below to make three words from the box.

sack out sale knap knock whole

knapsack wholesale knockout