The letters kn, gn, wr, and mb can stand for the consonant sounds n, r, and m.

When a word begins with kn, the k is silent.

knock
knit
knee

When the letters gn are together, the g is silent.

gnaw
gnat
sign

When a word begins with wr, the w is silent.

write
wrong
wrist

When the letters mb are together, the b is silent.

comb
lamb
crumb