

# Silent "gh"



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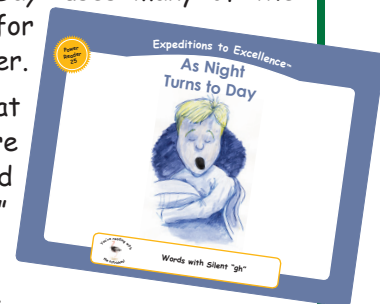
the ostriches!

## Getting Ready - A Broad View of the Landscape Before You Begin



Thirty days hath September, April, June and November...do you remember this old saying? Well, we've updated it and put it to music. Hopefully, you and your reader will enjoy learning it the "modern" way. This expedition will teach the number of days in each month as well as the silent sound of "gh" in words. Power Reader 25 entitled, *As Night Turns to Day* uses many of the words with the silent "gh" sound. Just read and master the word lists for this expedition, enjoy singing the song and have fun with the power reader.

To begin the expedition, pick a nice cozy spot under the baobab tree and imagine that you can hear nothing at all - total silence. That's the sound of the silent "gh". Now, you're ready to find the section featuring your word lists on page 213 of *The Reading Place*. Read the silent "gh" words with your safari mate. Notice in the first group of words, the "gh" is silent and that it transforms the vowel "i" into its long sound.



In the second list, the "gh" is also silent, and it turns the "ou" or "au" into the "aw" sound.

Sometimes it is helpful to re-write these words on a separate piece of paper and to have the reader actually cross out the "gh" to emphasize the point. One of the Funsheets in this expedition folder demonstrates this.

After your reader can successfully read the words on both lists with ease, and has also mastered the sight words associated with this expedition, he or she is ready to read our next fun story, entitled *As Night Turns to Day*. (At the end of the story, turn to the section entitled, *Conversation Station*. Listen to the song *Thirty Days Has September* to teach your reader to determine how many days are in each of the twelve months. This song can be found on track 24. (The words are printed on the following page.)

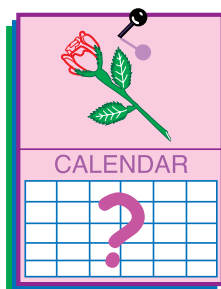
## Taking a Closer Look - Sample Dialogue to Help Direct Your Course

**Tour Guide:** "This expedition is all about 'nothing'."

**Reader:** "Nothing?"

**Tour Guide:** "That's right! It's all about two letters that say nothing at all! They just sit in the middle of a word and don't make one peep. They're the silent 'gh' team. Their mission is to get inside a word and say absolutely nothing at all. It would be easy to just crumple them up and throw them away, except that they have a few magical powers and they can suddenly change the sound of the vowels in a word, so no one wants to throw them out. Let's turn to page 213 of *The Reading Place* and I'll show you the silent 'gh' team."

**Reader:** "Okay!"



How many days are in each month of the year?  
Learn the song on the next page to find out.

Ostriches only have two toes on each foot! How many toes do you have?





## 30 Days Has September

How many days in each month of the year?  
Oh, follow along and it soon will be clear.  
Thirty days has September,  
April, June and November.  
All of the rest have thirty-one days,  
Except February, which has twenty-eight.

Thirty days has September,  
April, June and November.  
All of the rest have thirty-one days,  
Except February, which has twenty-eight.  
How many days in each month of the year?



George Washington

Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.

"We must use time creatively... and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



### More Tips... for Tour Guides

"Only the educated are free."  
~ Epictetus

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."  
~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life."  
~ Plato

"The pessimist sees difficult in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty."  
~ Winston Churchill

"Lift where you stand."  
~ Edward Everett Hale

"The essence of our effort to see that every child has a chance must be to assure each an equal opportunity, not to become equal, but to become different - to realize whatever unique potential of body, mind and spirit he or she possesses."  
~ John Fischer

### Here are some quotes worth remembering!



# Read the poem below.

On a cool, clear night,  
When you turn out your light,  
It may still seem bright  
If the moon is in sight.

While in bed you lie,  
And look up very high  
There is peace in that sky  
So, you let out a sigh...  
and fall fast asleep.





The "gh" in each of these words is silent! Use your finger to cover up the "gh" in the words below. But remember, the "gh" makes the "i" sound long!

fight  
fi t



night

slight

right

tight

bright

high

thigh

fright

might

sigh

light

Complete the sentence. Circle the word that fits best.



This man looks full of \_\_\_\_\_ .  
high    fright    tight



The sky is not \_\_\_\_\_ .  
slight    bright    plight

The plane is high in \_\_\_\_\_ .  
fright    flight    fight



This dog should be \_\_\_\_\_ not to chew!  
thought    taught    caught