Business English Silent Letters and Syllables Pronunciation Practice Student Worksheet

What do the words in each of the columns have in common? Mark these features on each word.

1. write
2. know
3. answer
4. receipt
5. listen
6. sign
7. whole
8. budget
9. scientist
10. psychographics
11. white knight
12. knowledge
13. mortgage
14. debt
15. debtor
16. foreign exchange
17. advertising campaign
18. social climbing

1. secondary
2. monetary union
3. traveller
4. travelling
5. brand preference
6. interest rates
7. average
8. general
9. generally
10. Annual General Meeting
11. interesting
12. national
13. nationalise
14. nationally
15. business interests
16. inventories
17. natural
18. territory
19. factory
20. corporate

In the following examples, add the missing letter which is spelt but not pronounced

w_ite-collar worker

wei_hting

office   _ours

gover_ment

ha_f-time job

whis_le-blowing

ex_ibition

resi_n

_holesale

ve_icle

enviro_mental

hi_hly recommended

dis_onest

Test each other in pairs, saying any of the words and expressions in the three sections above and asking your partner to spell them