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Silent E

How does it sound?

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That's right!

But it changes the sound of vowels

*specifically, the vowels that the silent “e” follows

*from their **short** sounds to their **long** sounds.

Vowels (a, e, i, o, u) have 2 sounds

A **short** sound (the normal one)



Vowels (a, e, i, o, u) have 2 sounds

And a **long** sound (the sound of the name of each letter).



What does a silent E do, again?

- It changes the **short** sound of vowels to **long** sounds of vowels.

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When do you use the silent E?

- For “long” vowels at the end of words, usually

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Tap out the sounds (not the syllables)

- consonant sounds and vowel sounds

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Examples:

“tap”

t a p

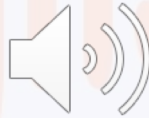
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Examples:

“tape”

t a p e



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Examples:

“cap”

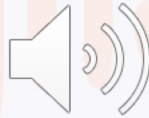
c a p



Examples:

“cape”

c a p e



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You try:

“Phone”

f o n e



You try:

“Bone”

b o n e



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You try:

“Fate”

f a t e

You try:

“Hate”

h a t e

You try:

“Mate”

m a t e

You try:

“Rate”

r a t e

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You try:

“Bite”

b i t e

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You try:

“Fine”

fin *e*

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Practice^e* in sentences:

- *Go home^e and get your phone^e.*
- *I'll ride^e my bike^e home^e.*
- *Take^e some cake^e, if you'd like^e.*

There are exceptions to the silent “E” rule, and other silent letters:

- A sentence^e is like^e two fences- one fence^e for each rule^e.

Other silent letters

B

bomb, comb, climb, crumb, dumb, debt, doubt



Other silent letters

T

match, watch, catch, scratch, often, soften, listen, fasten,



Other silent letters (Wha**t**?)

H



hour, honest, archive, chaos, character, chemical, echo, vehicle,

Rhythm and rhyme, beat out the time,

-but-

The core of the chorus is the choir.

Here's no help:

Jake ate the cake that Kate baked,
before she made a sale to the male.

You have some on your face. *Smile!*

Can you taste **e** it?

(Don't waste **e** it!)