

Lesson 17: Final Silent e's Jobs

Proverbs 25:2 “It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.”

It is important for students to ask good questions. This process helps them to think about what the answers are, and search until they find the answer. Thus, we have phrased these rules as questions.

Phonics Rules: Here are the various ways a silent e can show up in a word:

name

Q. Why do we have a final silent e in this word?

A. The final silent e jumps over the consonant and makes the vowel say its name sound or long sound. This is the first job of silent e.

tape

these

time

tube

hope

kite

pipe

time

wise

chance

Q. Why do we have a final silent e in this word?

A. When c is followed with an **e**, **i**, or **y**, it says it's soft sound, which is "s", so the final e makes the c say "s".

nice

race

dance

brace

prance

have blue

Q. Why do we have a final silent e in these words?

A. English words do not end in **v** or **u**, so we add a final silent e to keep **v** and **u** from being the last letter in the word.

crave

elves

leave

grieve

solve

resolve

clue

flue

pursue

live

give

lit/tle

Q Why do we have a silent final silent e in this word?

A. Every English syllable must have a written vowel, so we add a final silent e to the last syllable.

table

bubble

cradle

saddle

people

little

apple

Bible

are

Q. Why do we have a final silent e in this word?

A. We do not use a vowel team to make a very short word, so we add a final silent e to a very short word made up of a vowel team, to make it look important enough to be a main idea word.

ore	ewe	awe	sore	more
store	are	ire		

dense

Q. Why is there a silent e at the end of this word?

A. After a single S which has another consonant or a vowel team before it, silent e shows that S belongs to the root, and is not making the word plural.

false	purse	house	pause	praise
dense				

bronze

Q. Why is there a silent e at the end of this word?

A. After a single Z which has another consonant or a vowel team before it, the silent e shows that the Z belong to the root.

gauze	freeze	breeze	sneeze	prize
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charge dodge

Q Why do we have a silent final e in this word?

A “g” before e, i, or, y, may say “j”, so the final silent e after g makes g say “j”. The d in the three-letter vowel team “dge” keeps the silent e from making the vowel say its name or long sound, causing the vowel to say its short sound.

edge

purge

ridge

judge

charge

dodge

PRACTICE:

Solomon was a **wise** king of Israel. He **wrote**:



- **Use time** well.
- Be **nice** to **people**.
- **Live** in **awe** of GOD.
- **Pause**; think; then speak.
- GOD is the **judge** of men. **Praise** Him!
- If you are **wise**, GOD will give you a **prize**.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Solomon?
2. One principle of wisdom is to live in ___ ___ ___ of GOD.
3. What should we do before we speak?

PROJECT: Watch the video and learn this song:

“A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.” (Proverbs 13:1)

“My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.” (Proverbs 27:11)

To be wise means to take in information and wise counsel from people you trust and use what you learn to make good choices in your life. These good choices will lead you to a loving, godly, disciplined life that will make your parents proud of you and will make GOD happy. The Bible says in Proverbs 4:8-9, “If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you. She will place a lovely wreath on your head; she will present you with a beautiful crown.” Would you like to win a crown? Learn to be wise! Proverbs 9:10 says, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” So, start your quest for wisdom by getting to know GOD. Reading your Bible and going to church is a great place to start. Then ask your parents to teach you all the wisdom that they know! You are on your way to becoming a wise child!