

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. 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.