

Silent E

2nd Grade

An e on the end says nothing, but makes the vowel before it say its name.

An e on the end says nothing itself, but it reaches back over one consonant and makes the vowel say its name.

hat → hate

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The e is silent but it changed the whole word.

a becomes long

kit → kite

Same trick, different vowel.

i becomes long

hop → hope

One letter, completely different word.

o becomes long

cub → cube

The e never makes a sound of its own.

u becomes long

THE COMMON MISTAKE

× **hoping for a hop**

✓ **hopping for a hop**

Adding -ing to hope drops the e; adding it to hop doubles the p.

Also called magic e or bossy e. It works over exactly one consonant, no more.