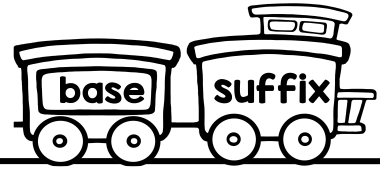


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Suffixes: Silent "e" Rule



Sometimes the base word must change when a suffix is added.

Silent "e" Rule:

When a base word ends with a silent "e" and the suffix begins with a vowel, leave the "e" out.

Examples:

like + ing = liking
tame + able = tamable
wide + est = widest

A. Underline the silent "e" in each base word. Then add the suffix in parentheses to make a new word. Be sure to apply the silent "e" rule!

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| 1. ride (-ing) _____ | 5. ripe (-est) _____ |
| 2. rate (-ed) _____ | 6. joke (-er) _____ |
| 3. store (-able) _____ | 7. state (-ed) _____ |
| 4. fame (-ous) _____ | 8. tune (-ing) _____ |

B. Underline the silent "e" in each base word. Then add the suffix in parentheses to make a new word. Remember, you do not need to apply the silent "e" rule if the suffix begins with a consonant.

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| 1. slide (-ing) _____ | 6. trade (-able) _____ |
| 2. pride (-ful) _____ | 7. cute (-ness) _____ |
| 3. take (-er) _____ | 8. blame (-less) _____ |
| 4. smoke (-less) _____ | 9. state (-ment) _____ |
| 5. place (-ed) _____ | 10. ice (-ing) _____ |

C. Write four more silent "e" words that end with the *-ing* suffix. You may not use any words from this page.

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |