

DID YOU KNOW?

The 7 Jobs of Silent E

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A silent final E makes the vowel before it say its long sound: make, bite, cube.

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English words cannot end in the letters U or V, so E may be added: have, love, blue.

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A silent E makes a C say /s/ and the G say /j/: face, ice, huge, age.

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Every syllable must have a written vowel, so E is added when a syllable needs a vowel: little, turtle, Google

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A silent E keeps singular words that end in S from being mistaken as plural: mouse, purse, goose, house.

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A silent E makes TH say its voiced sound: bath verse bathe, cloth versus clothe.

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E is added to help distinguish between similar words: by versus bye, or versus ore.