

1ST GRADE • PHONICS

Silent e: add an e, change the word

FOR YOU How to use this in 5 minutes

1 Show the change. **SAY:** “This says kit. Watch what happens when I add an e. The e is silent, but it makes the i say its name: kite!”

2 Add e and draw. **SAY:** “Read the short word. Add the e, write the new word, and draw it in the box.”

3 Pick the word. **SAY:** “Read the sentence with each word. Which one makes sense?”

Tip. Cover the e with a finger to read the short word, then lift your finger to read the long one. Kids love the trick, and it makes the rule stick.

1 Add an e. Write the new word, then draw it.

cap + e = DRAW IT

kit + e = DRAW IT

cub + e = DRAW IT

pin + e = DRAW IT

2 Circle the word that fits

The kit kite is up in the wind.

A cub cube naps by its mom.

The dog had a bath in the tub tube.

I got a pin pine cone.

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Answer key

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If it's hard

- If your child reads kite as kit, point to the e and ask, "What does the e do?" Then read it again.
- Read each pair aloud together before drawing. The drawings are the fun part, so save them for last.



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