



Students learn about the patterns of vowels and consonants. This helps them to apply spelling rules.

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→ Silent e makes the vowel long.

Rule: Drop final e when you add a vowel suffix.
Keep final e before a consonant suffix.

✍ Do the word sums.

Root word	Suffix	Drop e?	New word
like	ing	<i>yes</i>	<i>liking</i>
like	ly	<i>no</i>	<i>likely</i>
care	ful		
care	ing		
care	ed		
care	less		
shine	y		
shine	ing		
shame	ful		
shame	ed		
brave	ly		
brave	ing		

Here is a mnemonic to help you remember the rule.
One vowel is enough, you see - so before a vowel, drop the e.

