

Phonics 2: fl/pl/bl, cl/gl/sl, sm/sn/st/sk and silent e

Play, class, smile and skate begin with consonant blends. Cape and kite end with a silent e that changes the earlier vowel sound. Practise the semester 2 spelling patterns through word sorting and spoken comparison.

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Learning goals

- Keep consonant blends together
- Compare short vowels with silent-e pairs
- Use the pattern without treating it as universal

1. How does silent e change cap into cape and kit into kite?

In these common patterns, adding a silent final e changes the earlier vowel to its long sound: cap/cape and kit/kite. The final e is not pronounced separately. Learn these pairs alongside consonant blends such as fl, pl, bl, cl and sk.



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2. Keep consonant blends together

Keep both consonants in a blend: fl in flag, pl in play, bl in blue, cl in class, gl in glass, sl in slow, sm in smile, sn in snow, st in stop and sk in skate. Do not add a vowel between the first two consonants.

In the common a-consonant-e pattern, cap becomes cape and tap becomes tape. The final e is silent and a has its long sound. In the i-consonant-e pattern, kit becomes kite and pin becomes pine. These are useful patterns, but English has exceptions; have is not pronounced like a regular long-a example.

3. Compare short vowels with silent-e pairs

Pattern	Examples	Reading clue
fl / pl / bl	flag / play / blue	Keep f+l, p+l, b+l.
cl / gl / sl	class / glass / slow	Keep the first two sounds.
sm / sn / st / sk	smile / snow / stop / skate	Start with s plus the next sound.
a...e / i...e	cap-cape / kit-kite	Final e is silent in these pairs.

4. Practise words in a connected sentence



Compare short cap with long-vowel cape.

Read and explain this example

A club makes a blue flag. The class plays a game. Read cap, then cape. Read kit, then kite. Notice the changed vowel and the silent final e. Read the sentence again at a natural pace.

5. Use the pattern without treating it as universal

Cap and cape differ by one written letter, but the change affects how you say the vowel earlier in the word. The same happens in kit and kite. Read each pair next to its picture so that you connect a sound with the correct meaning. The pattern is useful, but not every final e behaves this way: have is an exception. A written rule supports practice; it does not replace hearing the word.



Compare short kit with long-vowel kite.

Check this

This page offers written practice, not audio. Ask a teacher to model each pair. Silent e is a common pattern, not a rule that works for every English word.

Put the idea into practice

1. Read the shorter word and identify its middle vowel.
2. Notice the added e and compare the new word with a spoken model.
3. Read the pair again without giving the final e a separate syllable.

Remember

- A blend keeps its consonant sounds together.
- Compare short cap with long-vowel cape.
- Compare short kit with long-vowel kite.

Practice - Try before checking

Answer in your notebook. Use evidence from the examples and check your sentences.

Exercise 1. Sort the blends

Sort blue, class, snow and flag by initial blend.

Exercise 2. Add silent e

Add e to cap, tap, kit and pin. Write the new words.

Exercise 3. Practise a contrast

Read cap/cape and kit/kite to a partner; explain what changes.

Exercise 4. Create and read a word pair

Add e to pin and tap. Name the new words and explain what changes in these examples.

Explained answers

Exercise 1. Sort the blends

Blue: bl; class: cl; snow: sn; flag: fl.

Exercise 2. Add silent e

Cape, tape, kite and pine. In these pairs, final e changes the earlier vowel sound.

Exercise 3. Practise a contrast

The earlier vowel changes from its short sound to its long sound; the final e is silent. Have a teacher check the spoken contrast.

Exercise 4. Create and read a word pair

Pin becomes pine; tap becomes tape. The final e is silent, while the earlier vowel changes to its long sound in these pairs.

Frequently asked questions

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Is have a regular magic-e example?

No. Have is an exception to this beginner pattern. Learn familiar pairs such as cap/cape and kit/kite, then check unfamiliar words with a spoken model.

Does every final e make a long vowel?

No. It is a useful beginner pattern with exceptions such as have. Check unfamiliar words with a spoken model.



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