

Lesson 66

Teacher Instructions

Read the words in **bold** out loud to your learner.



Now we are going to learn about the silent *e*.

When we add an *e* to the end of a word, it changes the *a* sound. The *a* says its name instead of its usual sound. The *e* at the end is silent—we don't say it, but it changes the word.

Let's practice:

- *mad* → *made* (Point to *mad*.) This word says *mad*. Now look at *made*. The silent *e* makes the *a* say its name: *ay*. Say *made*.
- *at* → *ate* The silent *e* makes the *a* say *ay*. Say *ate*.
- *hat* → *hate* The silent *e* makes the *a* say *ay*. Say *hate*.
- *fat* → *fate* The silent *e* makes the *a* say *ay*. Say *fate*.
- *rat* → *rate* The silent *e* makes the *a* say *ay*. Say *rate*.
- *Jan* → *Jane* The silent *e* makes the *a* say *ay*. Say *Jane*.
- *cap* → *cape* The silent *e* makes the *a* say *ay*. Say *cape*.

Let's read them all again. (Point to each word as your child reads.)

Great job! Now you know how the silent *e* changes words!



The word *are* is a memory word. That means it breaks the rules and you need to remember it.

(point to the sound *r*) The *r* doesn't break the rules.

(point to the letter *e*) This is a silent *e*.

(point to the *a*) The *a* breaks the rules. What sound does *a* usually make? (pause for your child to answer) That's right! *A* usually makes the sound *aaa* like the first sound in *apple*. But in the word *are*, the *a* makes the sound *aw*, like the first sound in *awesome*. *Are. Are. Are.*

(point to the word each time you say it)

Because it breaks the rules, you can remember the word *are*.

The word *have* breaks the rules. (point to the letter *e*) This is a silent *e*. Even though the word *have* has a silent *e*, the silent *e* doesn't change the sound of the *a* like it does in other words.

Have. Have. Have.

(point to the word each time you say it)

Because it breaks the rules, you can remember the word *have*.



After the Lesson:

Read a book aloud to your learner.

Point to each word as you read.

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mad → made

at → ate

hat → hate

fat → fate

rat → rate

Jan → Jane

cap → cape



are have