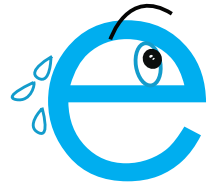


# Jobs of the Single Silent-e

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- The single Silent-e creates long vowel sounds: /ae/ /ee/ /ie/ /oe/ /ue/  
**make**      **spite**

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- The single Silent-e hangs with the <v> at the end of a word: <ve>  
**have**      **give**

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- The single Silent-e hangs with the <u> at the end of a word: <ue>  
**rescue**      **avenue**

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- The single Silent-e hangs with the <s> and the <z> at the end of a word to show it is not a base word + suffix -s (plural cancellation): <se> <ze>  
**daze** (vs. **days**)      **lapse** (vs. **laps**)

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- The single Silent-e hangs with the <c> at the end of a word to create the soft-c sound of /s/: <ce>  
**chance**      **face**

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- The single Silent-e hangs with the <g> at the end of a word to create the soft-g sound of /j/: <ge> <dge>  
**page**      **edge**

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- The single Silent-e hangs with the voiced <th> at the end of a word:  
**breathe** (vs. **breath**)      **bathe** (vs. **bath**)

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- The single Silent-e can be part of a suffix: -ine -ate -ive  
-age -ile -ize  
**active**      **realize**

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- The single Silent-e adds weight to content words:  
**ore** (vs. **or**)      **bye** (vs. **by**)

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- The single final-e is not truly silent because it signals the syllabic <r> or <l> :  
**fi-bre**      **a-cre**      **lit-tle**      **ta-ble**