

Silent Final E

English has 5 reasons for a silent final E

1. It lets the vowel say its name:

fine ~~e~~

2. You can't end a word in **u** or **v**:

true ~~e~~₂ have ~~e~~₂

3. (It) lets **c** and **g** say /s/ and /j/:

dance ~~e~~₃ charge ~~e~~₃

4. Every syllable must have a vowel:

ap ple ~~e~~₄

5. No job e:

are ~~e~~₅ house ~~e~~₅

1-Syllable Words Ending in Vowel and Consonant...

When adding a vowel suffix...

hot	-er	hotter
big	-est	biggest
stop	- ³ ed	stopped
run	-ing	running
flat	-en	flatten
mud	-y	muddy
red	-ish	reddish
shop	-ing	shopping

EXCEPT...

fox	- ² es	foxes
mix	-ing	mixing

When adding a consonant suffix...

cap	- ³ ful	capful
ship	-ment	shipment

More Than One

Add an **-S** to a **person**, **place**, or **thing** to show more than one...

boy	-s	boys
mother	-s	mothers
school	-s	schools
yard	-s	yards
book	-s	books
day	-s	days
bed	-s	beds
ball	-s	balls

BUT...add an **-ES** when the word ends in **-s**, **-x**, **-o**, **-ch**, **-sh**

glass	-es	glasses
box	-es	boxes
zero	-es	zeros
inch	-es	inches
fish	-es	fishes