



Silent Final e

Job 1: *name*₁

The silent final e jumps over the consonant between the two vowels to make the a say ā. This is a Vowel/Consonant/Silent Final e pattern. We call this **v/c/e** pattern for short. In summary, **silent final e makes the vowel say its name.**

Job 2: *rescue*₂ *have*₂

English words do not end with u; we need a silent final e.

English words do not end with v; we need a silent final e.

“English words do not end with v and u; that’s job 2!”

Job 3: *chance*₃ *large*₃

Silent final e lets /c/ say ‘s’.

Silent final e lets /g/ say ‘j’.

In other words, the silent final e makes the c and g say their second sound.

“c and g, that’s job 3.”

Job 4: *lit* *tle*₄ (unc *le*₄ trou *ble*₄ puz *zle*₄ shuf *fle*₄ tur *tle*₄)

English syllables must have a written vowel; we need a silent final e.

Job 5: *are*₅

Silent final e has no role (for pronunciation), but it is required for spelling.

“Not to hear but to see.”