

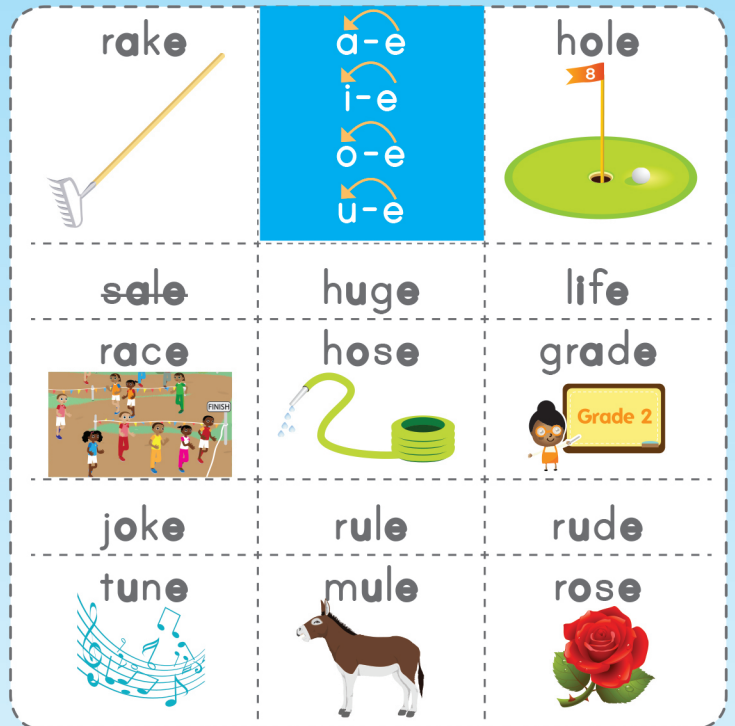
'Magic e'

- 1 The 'magic e' makes short vowel sounds say their name. For example: **m-a-d** + **e** becomes **made**. Help Lerato use the 'magic e' to make new words, then use them to finish the sentences below.

tub + e = tube		bit + e =	
Pet + e = P		con + e =	
tim + e =		plan + e =	
not + e =		cub + e =	
man + e =		dat + e =	

- a I squeezed the to get some toothpaste.
- b The big flew high in the sky on its way to Durban.
- c The fierce lion had a big, furry .
- d The of my birthday is in the third month of the year.

2 Read the 'magic e' words and then help Lerato find where they are hidden.



Some refer to 'magic e' as 'silent e'. Be sensitive to those who don't like the idea of magic (usually parents more so than learners). Teachers can call it the 'fairy e' or the 'bossy e' (as it tells others what to do).

A good idea to check that learners know the vowels as the 'magic e' acts on vowel sounds.

We say it changes the vowel from saying its sound (short sound) to saying its name (long sound).

The 'magic e' still works even when it cannot be seen. Example 'ride', 'riding'.

Some words that look like 'magic e' words do not follow the phonetic formula. For example, 'one' and 'done'.

Reading and Phonics

Recognises 'silent e' / split digraph in words. For example 'tape', 'time' and 'note'.

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'Long e'

Pick the correct word from the **word well** to complete each sentence below. The first one has been done for you.

Word well

beak	eat	bleat	tree	thief
steam	neat	key	knee	feel

Fill in the blank:

- 1 The big bird's **beak** is long and pointy.
- 2 Keep your room and tidy.
- 3 The crept away without anyone seeing.
- 4 "I so happy today", said Lerato.
- 5 The monkeys lived in a tall .
- 6 Make sure you all your vegetables.
- 7 I fell on my and it hurt!
- 8 The sheep started to .
- 9 You could see the rising from the hot water.
- 10 I cannot find my anywhere.

Reading and Phonics

Recognises vowel digraphs.

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