

Dyslexia Steps Free printable worksheets

Silent e words worksheets

6 pages · 44 words on the full list · answer key on the last page

Name: Date:

For the grown-up: do one page a day, about 5 to 10 minutes. Read each instruction aloud, then let your child do the work. Praise careful tries, not speed. Scan the code at the bottom to hear every word and play the free listening game. Answers are on page 6.

1 Read and re-read

Read each word. Say the sounds, then the whole word. Tick a box each time you read it.

	1	2	3		1	2	3
cake	☐	☐	☐	mule	☐	☐	☐
bike	☐	☐	☐	theme	☐	☐	☐
home	☐	☐	☐	bake	☐	☐	☐
cute	☐	☐	☐	kite	☐	☐	☐
these	☐	☐	☐	rope	☐	☐	☐
make	☐	☐	☐	cube	☐	☐	☐
like	☐	☐	☐	eve	☐	☐	☐
bone	☐	☐	☐	lake	☐	☐	☐

Tip: read the list on three different days. By the third tick, most words should come quickly.

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2 Sound boxes

Say the word slowly. Write one sound in each box. Then read the word again.

Tip: push a coin or button into each box as you say each sound, then write.

e a dotted box is a silent e: write e in it, it makes no sound.

game example	g	a	m	e
time				
nose				
use				
name				
five				
note				
tube				
gate				

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3 Missing letters

Choose the spelling from the box that makes a real word. Write it in the gap, then read the word.

For the grown-up: Only one spelling from the box makes a real word in each gap. You can also say each word aloud and let your child spell the sound.

Sound box: a_e e_e i_e o_e u_e

1. del ___ t ___

write it: _____

2. h ___ l ___

write it: _____

3. c ___ v ___

write it: _____

4. h ___ d ___

write it: _____

5. fl ___ t ___

write it: _____

6. h ___ p ___

write it: _____

7. w ___ v ___

write it: _____

8. st ___ n ___

write it: _____

9. t ___ p ___

write it: _____

10. compl ___ t ___

write it: _____

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Name: _____

4 Word sort

Read each word in the box. Write it under the heading where it belongs, then cross it out in the box.

cake time rope like home bake
bike kite bone hole lake make

A_e words	I_e words	O_e words

Tip: read the heading word out loud first, then each word in the box. Do they sound alike?

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Name: _____

5 Read the sentences

Read each sentence out loud. Underline the silent e words. Tick the box when you can read the sentence smoothly.

1. I like to ride my bike to the lake. ☐
2. The cute mule ate a pine cone. ☐
3. Jane made a cake at home. ☐
4. A snake is on the stone. ☐
5. Mike has five kites on a rope. ☐
6. The dog hid a bone in a hole. ☐
7. Use the tape to fix the flute. ☐
8. It is time to wave and go home. ☐

Great reading! You finished the pack.



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Answer key

For the grown-up. Check together and keep it light: a mistake shows which sound to practise next.

2. Sound boxes

1. **time** t | i | m | (e)
2. **nose** n | o | s | (e)
3. **use** u | s | (e)
4. **name** n | a | m | (e)
5. **five** f | i | v | (e)
6. **note** n | o | t | (e)
7. **tube** t | u | b | (e)
8. **gate** g | a | t | (e)

(e) = silent e: written, not heard.

3. Missing letters

1. **delete** — e_e
2. **hole** — o_e
3. **cave** — a_e
4. **hide** — i_e
5. **flute** — u_e
6. **hope** — o_e
7. **wave** — a_e
8. **stone** — o_e
9. **tape** — a_e
10. **complete** — e_e

4. Word sort

A_e words: cake, make, bake, lake
I_e words: bike, like, kite, time
O_e words: home, bone, rope, hole

5. Underlined words

1. like, ride, bike, lake
2. cute, mule, pine
3. cake, home
4. snake, stone
5. five, kites, rope
6. bone, hole
7. Use, tape, flute
8. time, wave, home

Next step: words that were hard today go on tomorrow's re-read list. When the whole pack feels easy, move on to the next list at dyslexiasteps.com/silent-e-words (see "Practise next").

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