

Word list: When to drop the final e

The words in this list follow an important spelling rule regarding the final e in words. You should drop the e when adding a *vowel suffix* to a word, but you must keep it when adding a *consonant suffix*. Understanding this rule is essential for improving your spelling skills and ensuring that your writing remains clear and correct.

Let's use the word *take* as an example. When you add the *vowel suffix -ing*, it changes to *taking* as you drop the final e. However, in the case of a consonant suffix, such as in *hateful*, you keep the e. This rule also applies to other pairs of words, like *use* becoming *using* and *safe* turning into *safely*.

By learning to apply this spelling rule correctly, you will improve your writing skills and boost your confidence in using English. Throughout this page, we will provide examples that illustrate how this rule works in practice, helping you become more comfortable with spelling variations. Let's dive in and explore this important aspect of English spelling!

take

taking

hate

hateful

brute

brutish

joke

joking

use

using

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useless

blame

blameless

safe

safely

Pole

Polish