

Long and Short Vowels

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Quick Review

A **SHORT** vowel sounds clipped, like the *a* in **cap** or the *i* in **pin**. A **LONG** vowel says its own name, like the *a* in **cape**. Often a silent **e** at the end makes the vowel long. This is the magic-e or CVCe pattern.

PRACTICE

Listen to the vowel sound in each word. Choose or write the best answer.

- Which word has a **SHORT** vowel sound?
 - cake
 - kite
 - rope
 - cat
- Which word has a **LONG** vowel sound?
 - pin
 - hat
 - note
 - bed
- Add a silent **e** to *cap*. The new word is —
 - caps
 - cape
 - capp
 - capy
- What does the silent **e** at the end of a word usually do?
 - makes the word plural
 - makes the vowel say its name
 - makes the word a question
 - makes the first letter loud



5. Which word has a SHORT *i* sound?
- A. bike
 - B. fish
 - C. ride
 - D. time
6. Which word rhymes with *tape* and has a LONG vowel?
- A. tap
 - B. cap
 - C. grape
 - D. trap
7. Add a silent **e** to make a new word: *kit* becomes _____
Answer: _____
8. Add a silent **e** to make a new word: *hop* becomes _____
Answer: _____
9. The word *cube* has a long vowel sound.
T / F
10. Which pair shows a SHORT vowel word and then a LONG vowel word?
- A. cape and cap
 - B. tub and tube
 - C. cane and can
 - D. ripe and rip



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7
- 8
- 9 T F
- 10 A B C D

Explanations

1. D	Cat has a short <i>a</i> . Cake, kite, and rope all have long vowels because of the silent <i>e</i> .
2. C	Note says a long <i>o</i> . Pin, hat, and bed all have short vowels.
3. B	Cap plus a silent <i>e</i> becomes cape, and the <i>a</i> turns long.
4. B	The magic <i>e</i> makes the vowel long, so it says its own name.
5. B	Fish has a short <i>i</i> . Bike, ride, and time all have a long <i>i</i> .
6. C	Grape has a long <i>a</i> and rhymes with tape. The other words have short vowels.
7. kite	Kit plus a silent <i>e</i> becomes kite, with a long <i>i</i> sound.
8. hope	Hop plus a silent <i>e</i> becomes hope, with a long <i>o</i> sound.
9. T	Cube has a long <i>u</i> sound because of the silent <i>e</i> at the end.
10. B	Tub has a short <i>u</i> and tube has a long <i>u</i> , so it goes short then long.



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