

# 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

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