

Spelling Rule Exceptions for a Suffix: Drop the Final E



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move advisable (not adviseable)

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2. love (able) _____

3. late (er) _____

4. use (able) _____

5. cute (est) _____

6. believe (able) _____

7. fine (er) _____

8. excite (able) _____

9. nice (est) _____

10. awe (ful) _____

11. adore (able) _____

12. white (er) _____

13. remove (able) _____

14. large (est) _____

15. erase (able) _____

16. safe (er) _____

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8. excite (able) **excitable**

9. nice (est) **nicest**

10. awe (ful) **awful**

11. adore (able) **adorable**

12. white (er) **whiter**

13. remove (able) **removable**

14. large (est) **largest**

15. erase (able) **erasable**

16. safe (er) **safer**

17. desire (able) **desirable**

18. brave (est) **bravest**

19. loathe (ful) **loathful**

20. move (able) **movable**