

v̄cø

Vowel-Consonant-Silent E Pattern

In the **v̄cø** pattern, the magic or evil **e** takes over. The shape of the **e** is that of a curled up snake. The other vowels are afraid of the snake, so when it asks a vowel its name, the vowel is afraid to give its nickname (short sound). Instead, it gives its actual name or its long sound, and the **ø** remains silent.

This lesson has two and three-syllable words. At least one syllable in each word is in the **v̄cø** pattern. Two-syllable words have two spelling patterns, and three-syllable words have three patterns.

v̄cø
VOWEL-CONSONANT-SILENT E

cake
meme
bike
rode
rude
cute

vc̄
VOWEL-CONSONANT

cat
pet
bit
rod
mud

This lesson also has a word with a digraph, or two letters coming together to make a new sound. When **s** and **h** come together, you do not hear the **s** and **h** sounds separately. Instead, you hear an **sh** sound, as in the word **shush**. With **c** and **h** together, you hear the **ch** sound in **chin**. When **t** and **h** come together, they make either the noisy **th** sound in words like **this**, **that**, and **the**, or the quiet **th** sound in words like **thin** and **thumb**. With **w** and **h** together, you hear an **hw** sound, as in **which** and the **h** sound in **whole**.

Words

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| 1. extreme
vc̄ v̄cø | 6. immune
vc̄ v̄cø |
| 2. contemplate
vc̄ vc̄ v̄cø | 7. obtuse
vc̄ v̄cø |
| 3. anecdote
vc̄ vc̄ v̄cø | 8. athlete
vc̄ v̄cø |
| 4. confiscate
vc̄ vc̄ v̄cø | 9. obscure
vc̄ v̄cø |
| 5. invade
vc̄ v̄cø | 10. concave
vc̄ v̄cø |

