

## Spelling 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	Do you know how long it will <b>take</b> us to get there?
taking	I enjoyed <b>taking</b> my dog for a walk.
hate	I <b>hate</b> this foul weather.
hateful	He gave me a <b>hateful</b> look.
brute	The bully of the class was a <b>brute</b> .
brutish	We disliked his <b>brutish</b> manner.
joke	The <b>joke</b> was funny.
joking	My uncle is always <b>joking</b> .
use	I'll <b>use</b> this glue to fix my model.
using	She was extra careful when <b>using</b> the knife.
useless	The umbrella was <b>useless</b> in the wind.
blame	The police officer tried to extricate himself from <b>blame</b> .
blameless	The police said the truck driver was <b>blameless</b> .
safe	My shed will be <b>safe</b> with this padlock on the door.
safely	Cross the road <b>safely</b> when the traffic stops.

Pole In our group of friends, there is one Hungarian, one **Pole** , and one American.

Polish Have you ever tried **Polish** food?