

The Final Deletion Rule

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Overview of the Final <e> Deletion Rule

Deleting final <e> based on <c> and <g>, various stems, and whether or not the suffix starts with a vowel

The Final <e> Deletion Rule



The Final <e> Deletion Rule goes beyond the oversimplified "delete a silent final <e> when you add a suffix that starts with a vowel" to actually be the following:

You delete a final <e> that marks a soft <c> or soft <g> only when you add a suffix that begins with the letters <e>, <i>, or <y>; and except for a few words with stems that end <ee>, <ie>, or <oe>, you delete all other silent final <e>s whenever you add a suffix that starts with any vowel.

When deleting final <e>s in stems that end <ee>, <ie>, or <oe>:

- We do not delete final <e> in stems that end <oe> when we add suffixes that start with an <i> : *toe + ing = toeing*, not * *toing*.
- We do not delete final <e> in stems that end <ee> when we add suffixes that don't start with an <e>: *see + ing = seeing*, not * *seing*.
- We delete the final <e> and also change the <i> to <y> in stems that end <ie> when we add suffixes that start with <i>: *lie + ing = l ~~i~~ ~~e~~ + y + ing = lying*.

Examples

hop ~~e~~ + *ing* = *hoping*

argu ~~e~~ + *ing* = *arguing*

change + able = changeable

Review

Here are some stems and suffixes that give you a chance to practice the Final <e> Deletion Rule. Add the suffixes to the stems, and be sure that you show any final <e> deletions that take place. In the Word column write the word you form. In the Final <e> column write the number from the list below that best describes what the final <e> is doing in the stem.

1. Marking or helping spell a long vowel
2. Marking a soft <c> or <g>
3. Marking a voiced <th>
4. Insulating an <s>, <z>, <u>, or <v>
5. Filling out a VC/e pattern
6. A fossil

Stem + Suffix	= Word	Final <e>
1. rhym e + ed	= <i>rhymed</i>	1
2. fertile + ize	=	
3. referee + ing	=	
4. survive + al	=	
5. angle + s	=	
6. cyclone + s	=	
7. disagree + ed	=	
8. terrace + ing	=	
9. marriage + able	=	
10. fortune + ate	=	
11. breathe + ing	=	
12. wrinkle + ed	=	
13. exposure + s	=	
14. vague + ly	=	
15. rescue + er	=	
16. chocolate + y	=	
17. are + n't	=	
18. love + able	=	
19. concrete + ly	=	
20. medicine + s	=	
21. canoe + ist	=	
22. big-league + er	=	
23. immune + ity	=	
24. horseshoe + er	=	
25. issue + ed	=	
26. wrestle + ing	=	
27. analyze + ed	=	
28. influence + ing	=	
29. collapse + ed	=	
30. irrigate + ion	=	
31. write + s	=	

32. carriage + s	=	
33. catalogue + er	=	
34. pirate + s	=	

Review (Answers)

Stem + Suffix	= Word	Final <e>
1. rhym <i>e</i> + ed	= <i>rhymed</i>	1
2. fertil <i>e</i> + ize	= <i>fertilize</i>	6
3. referee + ing	= <i>refereeing</i>	1
4. surviv <i>e</i> + al	= <i>survival</i>	1
5. angle + s	= <i>angles</i>	6
6. cyclone + s	= <i>cyclones</i>	1
7. disagre <i>e</i> + ed	= <i>disagreed</i>	1
8. terrac <i>e</i> + ing	= <i>terracing</i>	2
9. marriage + able	= <i>marriageable</i>	2
10. fortun <i>e</i> + ate	= <i>fortunate</i>	6
11. breath <i>e</i> + ing	= <i>breathing</i>	3
12. wrinkl <i>e</i> + ed	= <i>wrinkled</i>	6
13. exposure + s	= <i>exposures</i>	6
14. vague + ly	= <i>vaguely</i>	4
15. rescu <i>e</i> + er	= <i>rescuer</i>	4, (1)
16. chocolat <i>e</i> + y	= <i>chocolaty</i>	6
17. are + n't	= <i>aren't</i>	6
18. lov <i>e</i> + able	= <i>lovable</i>	4
19. concrete + ly	= <i>concretely</i>	1
20. medicine + s	= <i>medicines</i>	6
21. canoe + ist	= <i>canoeist</i>	1
22. big-leagu <i>e</i> + er	= <i>big-leaguer</i>	4
23. immun <i>e</i> + ity	= <i>immunity</i>	1
24. horsesho <i>e</i> + er	= <i>horseshoer</i>	1
25. issu <i>e</i> + ed	= <i>issued</i>	4, (1)
26. wrestl <i>e</i> + ing	= <i>wrestling</i>	6
27. analyz <i>e</i> + ed	= <i>analyzed</i>	1
28. influenc <i>e</i> + ing	= <i>influencing</i>	2
29. collaps <i>e</i> + ed	= <i>collapsed</i>	2
30. irrigat <i>e</i> + ion	= <i>irrigation</i>	1
31. write + s	= <i>writes</i>	1
32. carriage + s	= <i>carriages</i>	2
33. catalogu <i>e</i> + er	= <i>cataloguer</i>	4
34. pirate + s	= <i>pirates</i>	6

1.0 REFERENCES