

Dear Parent,

Your child is learning how vowels, (a, e, i, o, u) can make different sounds. For example ‘a’ can have a short vowel sound (‘a’ as in ‘tap’) or a long vowel sound (‘a’ as in ‘tape’). All these words contain a long ‘a’ sound and follow the spelling rule given below. Please help by practicing these words with your child.

- Point out the long ‘a’ sounds and how the letter patterns ‘ale’, ‘ake’, ‘ame’ etc make the words rhyme. Try to think of other words that follow the same pattern.
- Discuss the meaning of the words and try to think of a sentence containing the word.

Thank you for your help.

Rule	<i>Magic (or silent) ‘e’ makes the vowel ‘a’ say its name (long vowel sound).</i>
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<b>ale</b> <i>(list 11:1)</i>	<b>Practice 1</b> <i>(copy into space)</i>	<b>Practice 2</b> <i>(copy again)</i>	<b>Practice 3</b> <i>(fold and hide)</i>	<b>Can spell word</b> <i>(check and correct)</i>
sale				
tale				
pale				
male				
gale				

<b>ake</b> <i>(list 11:2)</i>	<b>Practice 1</b> <i>(copy into space)</i>	<b>Practice 2</b> <i>(copy again)</i>	<b>Practice 3</b> <i>(fold and hide)</i>	<b>Can spell word</b> <i>(check and correct)</i>
take				
make				
cake				
bake				
shake				

<b>ame</b> <i>(list 11:3)</i>	<b>Practice 1</b> <i>(copy into space)</i>	<b>Practice 2</b> <i>(copy again)</i>	<b>Practice 3</b> <i>(fold and hide)</i>	<b>Can spell word</b> <i>(check and correct)</i>
same				
name				
game				
came				
shame				