



Lesson 9 / silent e

1 Read and learn

We know that there are five vowels, and each vowel can make different sounds. Each vowel has a name, which is its «long sound», and each vowel also makes a «short sound».

Say the name and
then the short sound:

A	→	cat
E	→	pet
I	→	pig
O	→	dog
U	→	bug

2 Read and learn

Now, sometimes we see the letter **e** at the end of words. **We don't say it**, it is **silent**. The **silent e** makes the vowel say its «long sound»

Watch and read out loud

3 Listen and read out loud.

A: I **sat at** the **table and ate** a big **cake**.

E: My **pet** pig **Pete** has only three feet. and my **pet** pig **Pete** likes to eat, eat, eat.

I: **If** a frog and **his wife** have a son and two daughters, then **five little** frogs are **in** the water. But **if** the frog and **his wife** have two sons and **five** daughters, then **nine little** frogs are **in** the water.



O: I **hope** you can **hop** as fast as can be. I **hope** you can **hop**!

U: My teacher tells **us** to **use** good manners on the **bus**. She also tells **us** to **use** **umbrellas** when it rains.

!! In the word "have," the silent "e" doesn't do anything, so the word "have" sounds a lot like "has."

I **have** a cat. My cat **has** a rat.