

PRONUNCIATION

The silent E

Vowel sounds in words ending in **E**

How do you pronounce the name of these letters?

A

/eɪ/

E

/i:/

I

/aɪ/

O

/oʊ/

U

/ju:/

How do you pronounce these words?

rat

/ræt/

pet

/pet/

sit

/sɪt/

not

/nɒt/

cut

/kʌt/

How do you pronounce them when they end in E?

rate

/reɪt/

Pete

/pi:t/

site

/saɪt/

note

/nəʊt/

cute

/kju:t/

The final E is silent but the sound of the vowels before it change.
It makes the vowel before it say its name, like in the alphabet.

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|--------------|---|-----------------|
| rat /ræt/ | → | rate /reɪt/ |
| pet /pet/ | → | Pete /pi:t/ |
| sit /sɪt/ | → | site /saɪt/ |
| not /nɒt/ | → | note /nout/ |
| cut /kʌt/ | → | cute /kju:t/ |

Try saying these words:

late meme die choke use

Listen and repeat.

/æ/

fat

/eɪ/

fate

hat

hate

mad

made

tap

tape

can

cane

cap

cape

gap

gape

/I/

/aI/

bit

bite

fin

fine

kit

kite

pin

pine

win

wine

/ɒ/

cod

hop

cop

mop

rob

/oʊ/

code

hope

cope

mope

robe

Mark the word you hear.

☐

shin

☐

cub

☐

snip

☐

bath

☐

Tim

☐

spin

☐

shine

☐

cube

☐

snipe

☐

bathe

☐

time

☐

spine

Write the correct word.

Tim/time

What _____ is _____ coming?

hat/hate

I _____ that _____ he has.

pet/Pete

_____ will bring his _____ today.

kit/kite

I bought a _____ to make a _____.

spin/spine

When I _____ around, my _____ hurts .

quit/quite

I think I will _____ my job, I am _____ upset with my boss.

them/theme

They played the _____ music from Star Wars, which made people very happy, because most of _____ were Star Wars fans.