**Spelling rule: Drop silent "e"**

When a **root word** ends with a **silent "e"**, the "e" is usually **dropped** before adding a suffix beginning with a vowel.

shine + ing = shining

vote + ed = voted

**Drop silent e and add the suffix.** (Elimina la e final y añade el sufijo)

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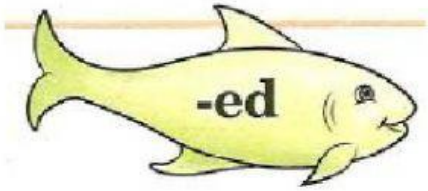
|---|---|---|---|
| bite | biting | joke | |
| make | | skate | |
| dive | | file | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| vote | voted | pile | |
| rake | | smile | |
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