

Vocabulary Building Activities

Review important letter sounds and reading rules from Grade 4 Vocabulary
Final-e Rule – Long sounds – ai ee ea ie oa – To hear these sounds online – [click here](#)

Final-e Rule

1. gale
2. value
3. rage
4. volume
5. compete

Sounds of ai-ee-ea-ie-oa

6. brain
7. proceed
8. increase
9. brief
10. coast

Final-e Rule: When a word ends in letter “e” – the vowel before the e is usually long.

Sounds of ai – ee – ea - ie – oa : These letter groups usually have the long vowel sound made by their first letter. However “ea” and “ie” are exceptions: “ea” makes the long “e” sound half the time and makes the short “e” sound half the time. “ie” makes the sound of long “i” in small 3 or 4 letter words (tie – lied) and makes the sound of long “e” in larger words of usually 5 or more letters.

SKILL 1 – Identify Vowel Sounds – Final-e Rule Words

1. Which word has the long “a” sound and means “a strong wind of about 50 mph”? _____
2. If you remove the final-e in this word it means a small piece of cloth for cleaning? _____
3. Does the “e” at the end of the words in the final-e rule have a silent or long-e sound? _____
4. These two words have a long “u” sound before the final-e: _____
5. Which word from the list is visually similar to the word “complete”: _____

SKILL 2 – Identify Vowel Sounds – ai – ee – ea – ie - oa

6. Which word from the list makes a long “e” sound from the letters “ie” ? _____
7. What list word has a long “e” in the last syllable and means "to keep going" ? _____
8. What two letters can make both a long “e” and short “e” sound? _____
9. Which two letters usually make a long “a” sound? _____
10. What two letters usually make a long “o” sound? _____

SKILL 3 – Vowel Sound Thinking (words not from list above)

11. Write another word, not in the list, that has a long “a” sound spelled by “ai”: _____
12. What two letters often make both a long “i” and long “e” sound? _____
13. Give two words where “ea” has a long “e” and short “e” sound? _____
14. What three groups of letters can make the long “e” sound? _____
16. Circle your fastest time for saying the list words? 4 sec - 5 sec – 6 sec – 7 sec – 8 sec – 9 sec – 10 sec

SKILL 3 – Sentence Writing

17. Use a separate sheet of paper and put each list word into a sentence containing at least 7 words.