

SPELLING

Spelling rules

The 'silent e' rule

Complete the word sums below. The first one has been done for you.

- manage + able = manageable
- sense + ible = _____
- courage + ous = _____
- close + ing = _____
- outrage + ous = _____
- imagine + ation = _____

Tip time!

When adding a suffix that starts with a vowel, drop the final e at the end of the word (write + ing = writing)...

UNLESS the word ends in a soft c or g sound. Then, keep the final e (notice + able = noticeable).

Plurals: f sounds

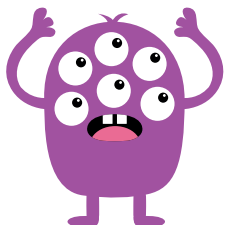
Most words ending in -f or -fe, change to -ves when there are more than one of them (life → lives). Choose the correct ending for each of the words below. Watch out for irregular words!

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| KNIFE = _____ | WIFE = _____ |
| ROOF = _____ | CLIFF = _____ |
| SHELF = _____ | YOURSELF = _____ |
| HALF = _____ | THIEF = _____ |

Tip time!

There are lots of exceptions to this rule.

You can usually just add an s if the word ends in -ff (sniff → sniffs) or if the word has two vowels before the -f (chief → chiefs).



Answers: sensible, courageous, closing, outrageous, imagination.
knife/knives, wife/wives, roof/roofs, cliff/cliffs, shelf/shelves,
yourself/yourselves, half/halves, thief/thieves.