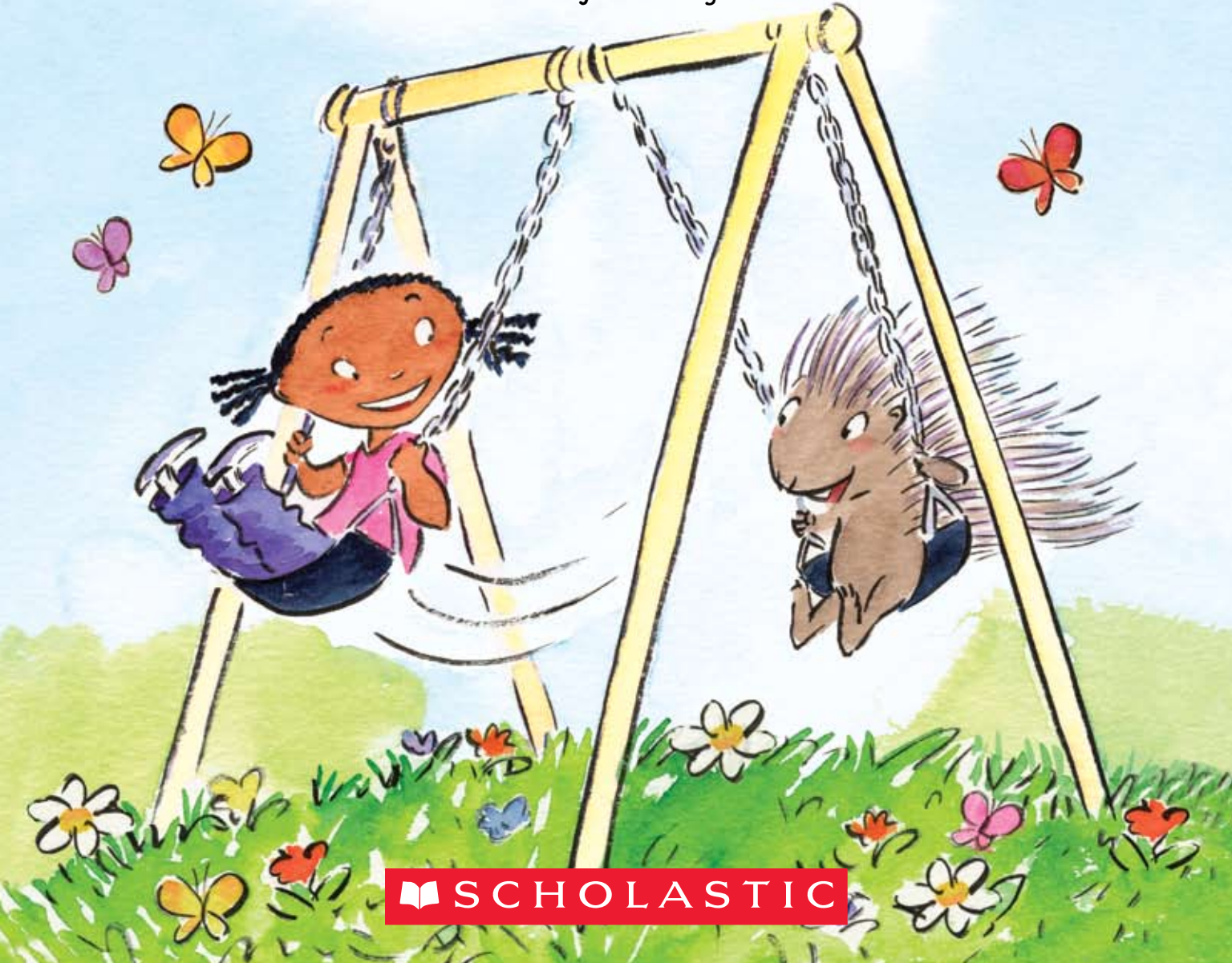


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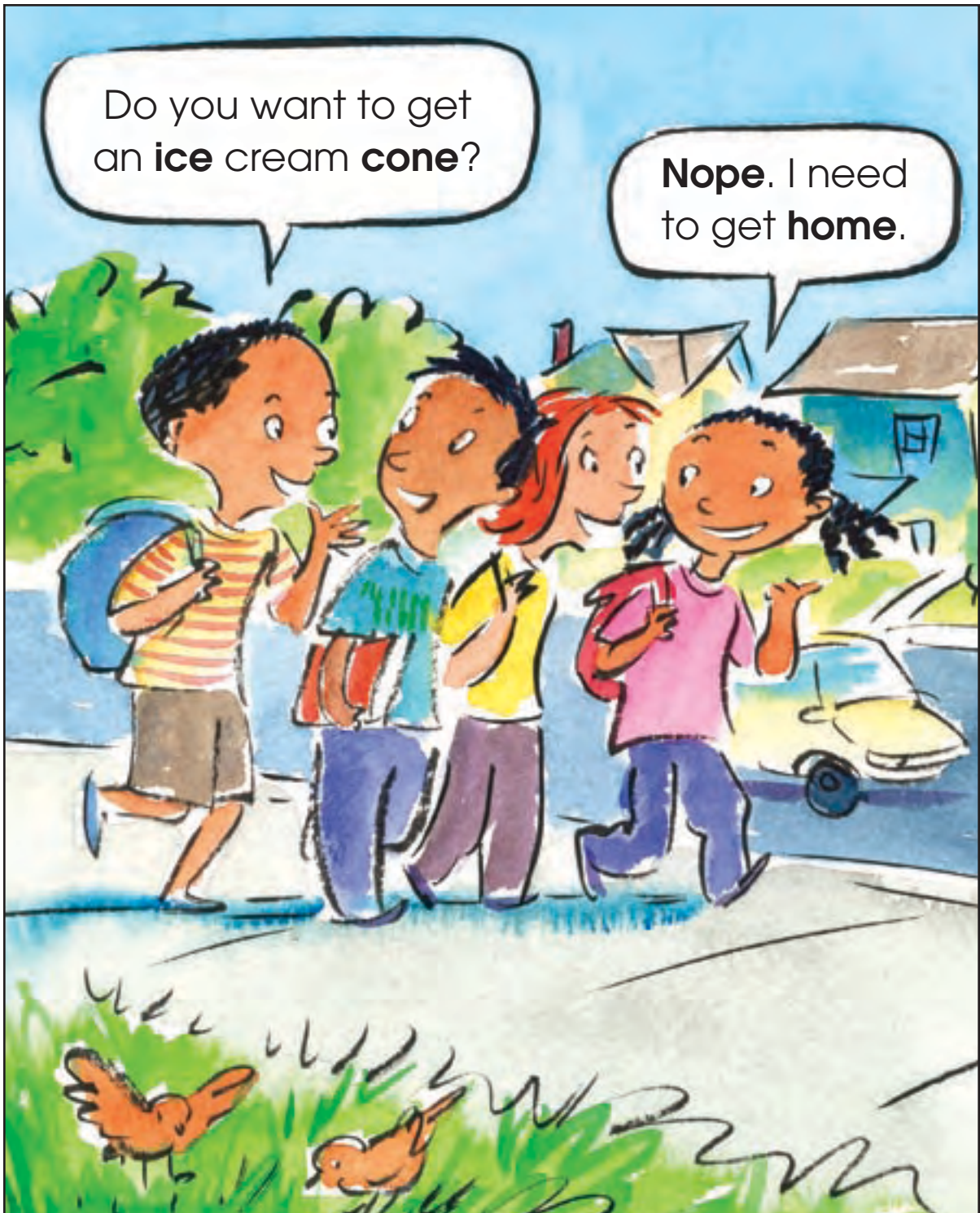




### Phonics Fact

The words **these**, **Rose**, **Luke**, **Jane**, and **Steve** are all silent-e words because you don't hear the e at the end of the word. But the silent e still has a job to do. It makes the vowel sound in these words a long-vowel sound. What other silent-e words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!

My name is **Rose**. **These** are my friends,  
**Luke**, **Jane**, and **Steve**.



**These** are my other friends, **Dave**, **Mike**, and **Eve**.





### Phonics Fact

Look at the words **pet** and **Pete**. By putting a silent e at the end of *pet*, the vowel sound changes from short e to long e. It makes a new word. Be on the lookout for more silent-e words with the long-e sound.

They are good friends. But my very best friend is my pet, **Pete**. **Pete** and I do everything together.



**Pete** is a great **athlete**. We love to **compete**.





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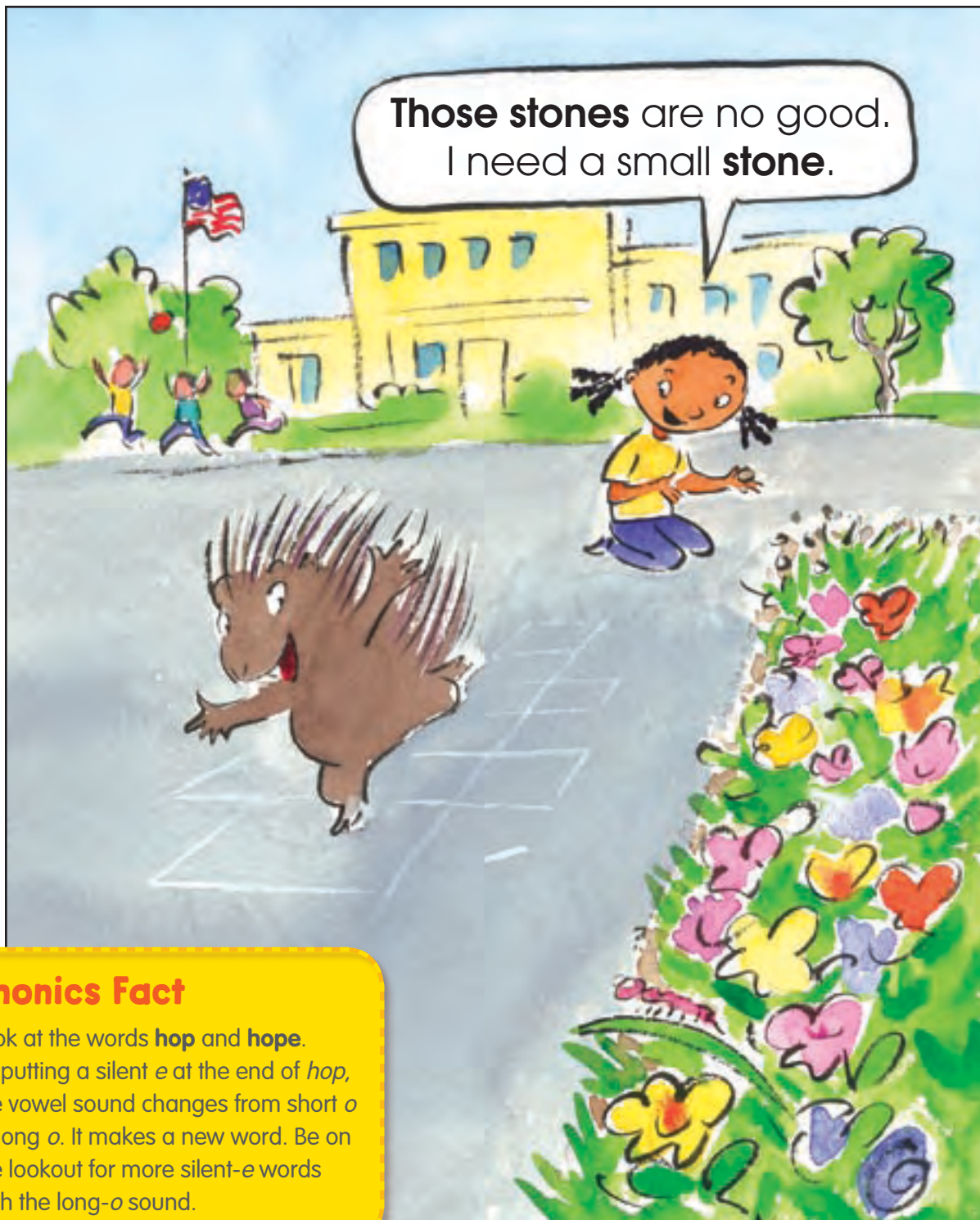
Look at the words **spin** and **spine**. By putting a silent *e* at the end of *spin*, the vowel sound changes from short *i* to long *i*. It makes a new word. Be on the lookout for more silent-*e* words with the long-*i* sound.

I spin **Pete** on the merry-go-round.  
It tickles his **spines**.





We **like** to sit **side-by-side** on a double-**wide** **slide**. Down we **glide**!




**Pete** and I play hopscotch together.  
I **hope** to hop as well as **Pete** one day.





We love to **pose** in silly **clothes**. In a **robe**,  
I'm a queen on a **throne**. **Pete's** a clown in  
a **cone** hat and funny **nose**.



I'm **Blaze**. What's your superhero **name**, **Pete**?

I'm **Ace**. I fly faster than a **plane**.

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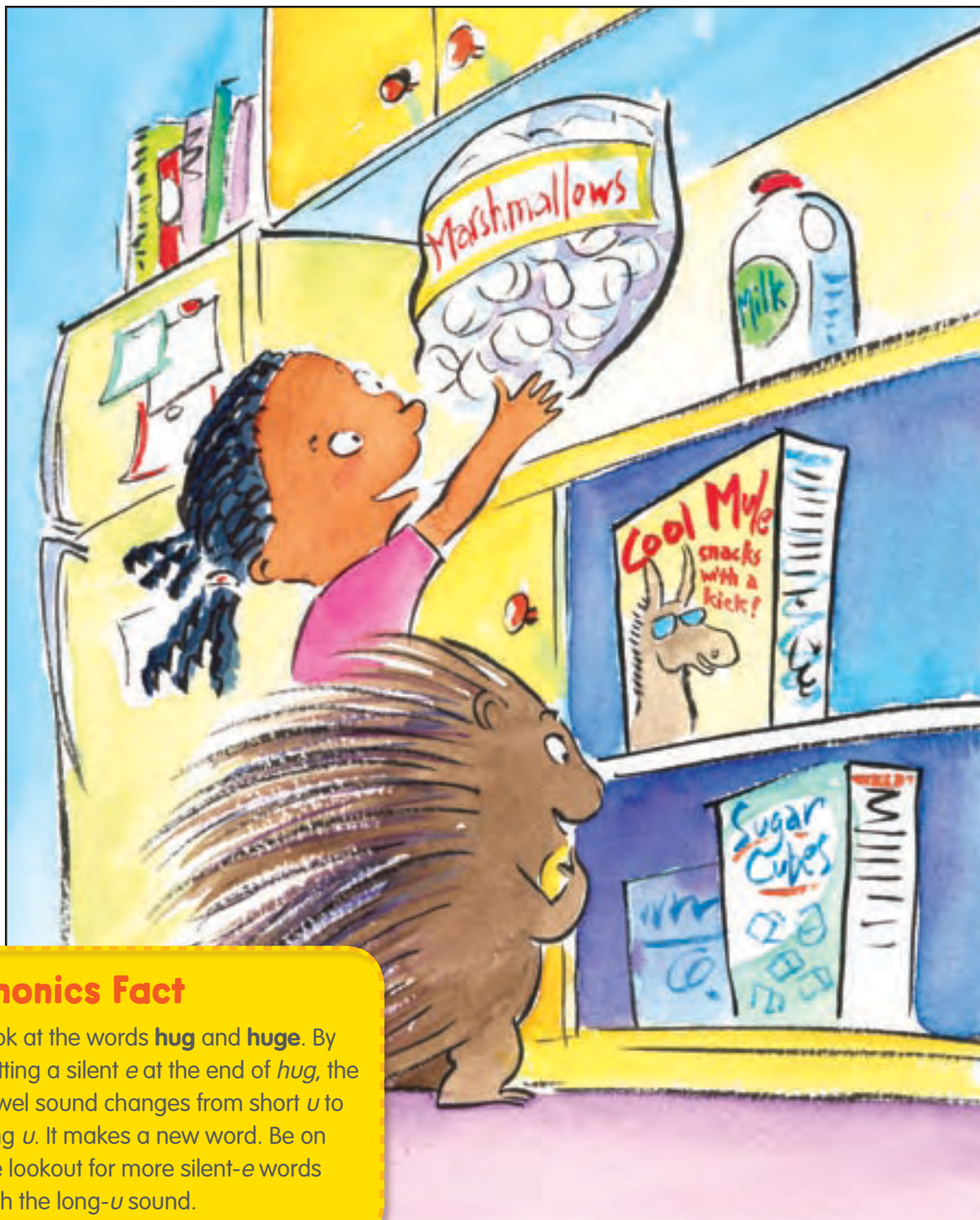
Look at the words **cap** and **cape**.  
By putting a silent *e* at the end of *cap*, the vowel sound changes from short *a* to long *a*. It makes a new word. Be on the lookout for more silent-*e* words with the long-*a* sound.

Sometimes we dress in a cap and **cape**.  
We pretend we are **brave** superheroes.





**Pete** and I **make fake cakes** for picnics by the **lake**.



### Phonics Fact

Look at the words **hug** and **huge**. By putting a silent *e* at the end of *hug*, the vowel sound changes from short *u* to long *u*. It makes a new word. Be on the lookout for more silent-*e* words with the long-*u* sound.

It can be tricky to give **Pete** a hug.  
But it's not a **huge** problem.





We just **use** marshmallows!



**Pete** is always by my **side**. **Life** would not be **complete** without my pet, **Pete**!



# Silent-e Riddles

Listen to the riddles. Then match each riddle with the silent-e word from the box.

## Word Box

slide	Pete	nose	cake	huge
wide	cape	cute	rose	lake

- 1 This is a kind of flower.
- 2 People use this word to describe babies.
- 3 Superman wears one of these.
- 4 This is a great place to go fishing.
- 5 It is a boy's name.
- 6 You use this to smell.
- 7 It is the opposite of *narrow*.
- 8 You eat this sweet treat on your birthday.
- 9 This means *very big*.
- 10 You find this at a playground.



Answers: 1. rose 2. cute 3. cape 4. lake 5. Pete 6. nose 7. wide 8. cake 9. huge 10. slide

# Silent-e Cheer

Hooray for silent e and its long-vowel sound!

Let's holler silent-e words all over town!

There's **Pete** and **like**, **concrete** and **slide**.

There's **robe** and **cone** and **bike** and **hide**.

There's **cute** and **cube** and **mule** and **name**.

There's **joke** and **rope** and **cake** and **game**.

Silent e! Silent e! Let's cheer for a **while**,

For words that always **make** us **smile**!



Make a list of other silent-e words. Then use them in your cheer.