

# How-To Make a Clever Tool to Help Young Readers

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## Flashcards with a Flap - a Clever Tool to Help Young Readers

### Materials:

- Regular 8.5 x 11 sheets of printer paper (or card stock if you have it or any paper you have handy)
- A marker and scissors
- A ruler – optional

### Instructions:

- Fold an 8.5x11 sheet in half, turn it 90 degrees and fold into thirds.
- Open it up and cut along the lines which gives you 6 rectangular boxes measuring approximately 2.75" x 5.5". (You can make a different size that suits you better by using a ruler to measure.)
- On the right hand side, fold about 1.25" to make a flap on top.
- Write a word from the attached list so the first three letters come up to the flap and the silent 'e' is on top of the flap.

### Practice with your child:

- Review the short vowel sound by reading the words with the flap open.
- Introduce: adding 'e' to the end of the word by mentioning the e is silent and the short vowel sound changes to the vowel saying its name.
- A fun way to explain it to your child is by calling this silent 'e' the bossy 'e' because it arrives at the end of the word and tells the other vowel to say its name, but the silent 'e' is going to be quiet. You can make this into a game, when you fold the flap over and pretend that 'bossy e' tells the other vowel to "say its name and I'll be quiet".

Happy reading!

a	e	i	o	u	Challenge
ate	mete	bide	code	cube	breathe
bade	pete	bite	cone	cute	clothe
bate		dime	dote	dude	globe
came		dine	hope	huge	grade
cane		fine	lope	jute	gripe
cape		fire	mope	rune	paste
dam e		hide	node	tube	plane
fade		kite	note	use	quite
fate		pine	robe		scrape
gage		pipe	rode		shine
gape		pope	rote		slate
hate		ride	tone		slide
lame		ripe	tote		slime
mad e		sire			slope
man e		site			snipe
mate		tine			spine
nape		wine			spite
note				state	
pale				stripe	
pane				tripe	
rage				twine	
rate					
tame					
tape					
vane					
wade					
wage					