

CONSONANT –le Syllable

- Consonant -le syllable comes at the end of the word.
- Consonant -le syllable has no vowel sound.
- Consonant -le syllable ends with a silent e. Only the consonant and the l are pronounced.

-ble -ple -gle -dle -tle
-zle -fle -cle -kle

- To divide words with a consonant -le syllable, count back 1-2-3 from the back and chop!

Examples:

sam/ple ti/tle poo/dle mar/ble

- Beware! Words with an –ng or –nk pattern in the middle will affect the vowel sound

Examples:

min/gle tan/gle twin/kle an/kle
(-ing) (-ang) (-ink) (-ank)

CONSONANT –le Syllable (continued)

Special cases:

1. When you hear only one consonant sound in the middle of the word and the vowel sound is short, the middle consonant must be doubled.

Example: *bub/ble* (the u carries a short sound)

- the double b is required to close in the /u/.
- without the double b, the word would be bubble (booble)

2. The letters c and k cannot be doubled in the middle of a word.
To close in a short vowel with the /k/ sound, use -ckle.

Example: ***pickle*** ***tackle*** ***buckle***
 (***pick***) (***tack***) (***buck***)

- *It is helpful to think back to the base word*

3. Special pattern –stle = /sle/
The letter t is silent in this pattern

Example: *castle* *whistle* *hustle*